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Prices and Prospects.

Rush of Contracting For Furnace Coke Is Now On; Only One Sale Under $7

Business Closed in Two Weeks Aggregates 200,000 Tons a Week.

DEMAND WILL BE HEAVY

During the Second Quarter, Many Previously Idle Furnaces Now Preparing to Go in Blast; Large Tonnage Still to Be Contracted; Foundry Fair

Special to The Weekly Courier.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 28.—The opening of the contract furnace coke market for second quarter, reported a week ago with 29,000 tons a month put under cover, has been followed by a rush of contracting, and the total of business closed up to date is now fully 200,000 tons a month. Practically all the business, with the exception of one of the early contracts, reported a week ago, was at $7.00, the exception being a contract at $6.75, for 12,000 tons a month over the quarter.

Among the buyers in the past week were the Reading Iron Company, for two blast furnaces and Eastern Steel Company, Trumbull Steel Company, Witherbee, Sherman & Company and Sharon Steel Hoop Company, for one furnace each. The five contracts total about 132,000 tons a month. Contracts closed but *not reported as to details*, are estimated at 40,000 to 45,000 tons a month, and this business, together with the 29,000 tons a month reported a week ago as closed by the Republic Iron & Steel Company and Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, makes a total of more than 200,000 tons a month of second quarter coke put under contract in this movement, which is barely two weeks old.

The rapidity with which business has been closed and the fact that some of the furnaces just operated with coke are furnaces not hitherto in blast, indicate that the total of demand for Connellsville coke for the second quarter will be very heavy, far above the movements of recent times. For instance, the Republic Iron & Steel Company and Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company are themselves producers of by-product coke for their ordinary requirements, and have bought Connellsville coke only because they intend to run every one of their furnaces. One of these companies was only recently a rather heavy seller of by-product coke, having a surplus on account of having several furnaces idle.

With almost all the contract business closed at the single price, $7.00, neither higher nor lower, a remarkable uniformity in the market is shown. When coke was low priced there used to be various prices at almost the same time. The uniformity in this case was due to operators taking a firm stand in the price matter, refusing to make even slight concessions and at the same time refraining from an effort to tack a little more on the price. Some operators have quoted higher prices, but the consumers who bought simply ignored such quotations.

The buying movement has been unusually early, as there is still a month until the second quarter opens. The readiness of buyers to take hold was due not to the talk of operators but to their change of opinion as to the pig iron market. For a long time the furnacemen had contended that the pig iron market did not justify prices being asked for coke. Then the pig iron outlook greatly improved, with prospects that the current make would be insufficient for the trade's requirements in the second quarter and that additional furnaces would have to be blown in. As a matter of fact some of the coke just contracted for is for furnaces not lately in blast.

If things move as expected, there is fully as large a tonnage of furnace coke still to be put under contract. Making allowance for foundry coke, heating coke and furnace coke sold on the spot market, the current production is less than double the quantity of coke lately put under contract. But prospects are that production will be materially heavier in the second quarter. Car supplies have been better in the past three weeks and may be expected to improve further, while with the very high wage rates being paid there should be no labor shortage.

Furnace coke has grown somewhat stronger in the past week. All coke available at less than $7.00 disappeared recently and there does not seem to be much to be picked up at $7.00, while some operators have a firm quotation of $7.25, making the quotation range the same as a week ago.

Foundry coke has remained in fair demand, there being no particular rush, while there is steady buying from day to day. The majority of foundries seem now to be committed to a policy of carrying moderate stocks and then buying from time to time for current requirements. The market stands quotable as follows on the basis of transactions lately made:

Spot furnace	$7.00@$7.25
Contract furnace	$7.00
Spot foundry	$8.25@$8.75

Pig iron has been more active in the past week in practically all districts and there is a general stiffening tendency in prices. The Pittsburg-Valley market records definite advances in the week, 50 cents on Bessemer and $1 on basic and foundry. The turnover has been rather light but the market has a firm foundation in sales recently made at prices slightly below those now ruling. In some quarters predictions are made that there will be further and substantial advances in pig iron prices, a common prediction being that $30 will be reached. Advances are not certain, however, for it appears that a good many consumers are already covered to July 1. It is possible there will be no rush of buying, but a gradually stiffening market is expected by all observers. With the advances of the past week the market now stands quotable as follows:

Bessemer	$28.50
Basic	$27.00
Foundry	$28.00
Malleable	$28.00

These prices are f. o. b. Valley furnaces, freight to Pittsburg being $1.77.

COKE FREIGHT RATES.

The freight rates on coke from the Connellsville district, which includes what is officially known as the Connellsville region (sometimes called the basin district) and the Lower Connellsville district (often called the Klondike and sometimes the Masontown district) to principal points for shipment, are as follows, per ton of 2,000 pounds, effective July 1, 1922:

Destination.	Rate.
Baltimore	$3.81
Buffalo	3.78
Canton	3.92
Chicago	4.16
Cleveland	3.77
Columbus	3.97
Detroit	3.88
E. St. Louis	4.64
Erie	3.77
Harrisburg	2.90
Joliet	4.16
Louisville	4.16
Milwaukee	4.79
New York	4.79
Philadelphia	3.63
Pittsburg	1.51
Port Henry, N. Y.	4.84
Port Maitland, Ont.	3.28
Pottstown	3.23
Reading	3.38
Richmond, Va. (B. & O.)	4.68
Richmond, Va. (P. R. R.)	4.79
South Bethlehem	3.53
Swedeland, Pa.	3.53
Toledo, O.	3.95
Wheeling	3.37
Valley Points	2.57

For Export.

From Connellsville district:	
Philadelphia (F. O. B. vessels)	$3.01
Baltimore (F. O. B. vessels)	3.03
From Latrobe district:	
Philadelphia (F. O. B. vessels)	3.82
Baltimore (F. O. B. vessels)	3.82

JOSEPH BURNS, MINE FOREMAN, DIES UNDER FALL

Caught beneath a fall of slate in the "Billie" mine of the Reilly-Callahan Coal & Coke Company at High House Monday, Joseph Burns of Leisenring, a former resident of Connellsville, and Joseph Estonich, a driver, were killed. Suffocation was the cause of death. Mr. Burns was mine foreman.

It is said there was no evidence of a bad roof. The two men were talking together when several tons of slate gave way and buried them. There was practically no warning. The bodies were not badly crushed causing the belief that the men died from suffocation. A miner working nearby saw the men caught under the fall and summoning help heroic efforts were made to reach the men. There was too great a quantity to remove before the bodies were recovered, however, and life as extinct.

Joseph Edward Burns was a son of the late James Burns. He was born in Connellsville October 27, 1885, and received his education in the Immaculate Conception School and the Connellsville High School. He had been engaged in mine work for 22 years. He is survived by his widow, Agnes Collins Burns of Leisenring No. 1 and six children. The oldest is 11 years and the youngest five weeks. His mother, a brother, Frank, of Leisenring, and two sisters, Nellie of Leisenring and Mary, head nurse at the Uniontown Hospital survive him.

More Men Employed; Wages Are Doubled

The industrial plants of the United States now are requiring 27 per cent more employes than in July, 1914, according to a survey by the National Industrial Conference board, New York.

Wages paid have more than doubled in this period, the board's computations show.

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Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 24, 1923.				WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 17, 1923.			
DISTRICT	Ovens	In	Out	Tons	Ovens	In	Out	Tons
Connellsville	18,854	12,670	5,675	142,210	18,354	12,523	5,881	149,750
Lower Connellsville	16,853	10,079	6,783	118,860	16,853	9,910	6,943	116,610
Totals	35,207	22,749	12,458	261,070	35,207	22,433	12,774	266,360
FURNACE OVENS								
Connellsville	15,096	10,051	5,045	112,430	15,096	10,092	5,094	120,540
Lower Connellsville	6,586	3,040	3,546	37,420	6,586	2,931	3,655	36,960
Totals	21,682	13,091	8,591	149,850	21,682	12,933	8,749	157,500
MERCHANT OVENS.								
Connellsville	3,258	2,028	630	29,780	3,258	2,521	737	29,210
Lower Connellsville	10,267	7,039	3,237	81,440	10,267	6,979	3,288	79,650
Totals	13,525	9,059	3,867	111,220	13,525	9,500	4,025	108,860

"Next Big Strike" Now Being Planned by Men Behind '19 Steel Strike

Campaign Well Organized and Wide-Spread, Says Railway Review.

AGENCIES UNDER COVER

But Their Objective Is Believed to Be Strikes in the Steel Industry and on the Railroads, With Possibly Miners' Union Stopping Work in Sympathy.

Special to The Courier.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Concealed strike-making agencies are engaged in fomenting numerous minor labor disputes preliminary to organizing a strike of steel and railroad workers, according to the current issue of the Railway Review.

"Under the surface of industrial activity today," says the Review, "are subversive influences at work breeding innumerable minor industrial controversies and local strikes which are intended to be the forerunners of larger and more disastrous strikes in the future. The next big strike is already in the making although it may still be many months in the future. The strike-breeding campaign is widespread and well-organized. Strikes in the steel industry and on the railroads—with possibly the coal miners' union participating in sympathetic strikes—are the ultimate objectives toward which the concealed strike-making agencies are directing their campaign.

"To perceive the plan in its entirety," the Review says, "it is necessary to observe the strategy and tactics of the leaders and to determine the identity of those who are the guiding influence in the movement. Their activities are scarcely discernible in the outward aspects in the present industrial situation. Altogether one of the most extensive organizing campaigns in labor history is now in full swing. The campaign is going forward quietly, though none the less effectively. There is still time for railroad managements and other employers to counter the movement, provided the facts are faced squarely and the doubtful affiliations of various American labor leaders recognized," according to the railway magazine.

"The efforts of the several organizations engaged in promoting industrial war," the article continues, "are at the present time addressed mainly to the foreign-language groups of the working forces in certain key industries. These trades include the workers in the iron and steel industry; the foreign-born miners in the coal and iron fields; maintenance of way and shop forces of the railroads; the needle trades and allied crafts of the garment industry; packing house employes and building trades. It will be noted that the trades affected comprise the group of essential industries which supply the primary wants and necessaries of life—food, shelter, fuel, clothing, transportation and manufactures. These facts are of particular significance since this attention to the trades and industries vital to the welfare of society has not been accidental but the result of design. The evidence all points toward a far-swung intrigue of political origin.

"One of the motives which actuates the group who seem to comprise the inner circle that gives leadership to the movement, is the hope of forcing nationalization of one or more of the country's basic industries. The railroads are the immediate objective of the attack. The organizations that are promoting this new form of warfare against industry propose to achieve nationalization of the railroads, either by forcing intervention by the government or through some form of political action as a result of the industrial crisis which they hope to precipitate.

"The question then arises as to the strength and source of this movement," says the Review. "Almost every organization of radicals in the country is committed to a program of government control or ownership and 'socialized' operation of railroads. If

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Union Enjoined From Organizing Miners

Two identical injunctions forbidding officers or members of the United Mine Workers from compelling or persuading miners in Logan county to break the individual contracts under which the Logan coal field is kept in a non-union status, have been granted by Judge Robert Bland in the Circuit Court.

Judge Bland, in handing down the decision, said that he believed there was no better way of settling equity matters than by jury trial, but in cases where it appeared that the parties would suffer irreparable damage it became the duty of the court to step in and prevent such damage. He did not think the union had a right to cause the miners in Logan county in any way to break the individual contracts with their employers, under which they agreed not to become members of the union, he added.

The two injunctions were granted in separate but similar equity cases, one brought by a score or more of miners who declared they were suing not only for themselves but for the other non-union miners of the county, and the county, and the other by the non-union coal companies in the county, making up the Logan Coal Operators' Association.

ADVANCED PRICES FINISHED STEEL ARE CONTINUING

Pig Iron Looking Up With Some Price Increases; Production at Heaviest Rate Since Armistice.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report will review the steel and iron trade tomorrow as follows:

Advances in finished steel prices have continued to appear in the past week, but the balance of probability is that advances in basic prices are now ended, with perhaps an occasional exception. For prompt delivery, however, prices may advance further, representing the inclusion of delivery premiums. Bars, shapes and plates, which last week advanced $1 a ton to a minimum of 2.25c, are hardly likely to go above that figure except for early deliveries. Late last week some independents advanced tin plate 25 cents to $5.00 and sheets by $6 a ton in general, with $3 a ton extra advance on light gauge blue annealed sheets and on galvanized sheets. Monday of this week the Steel Corporation advanced its prices 20 cents on tin plate to $4.95, $3 a ton on blue annealed and black sheets to 2.65c and 3.50c respectively and $5 a ton on galvanized sheets. The corporation is practically sold up on these products for the half year and has not opened order books for third quarter.

Our composite finished steel now stands at 2.81c, against 2.06c at the low point a year ago and 1.72c as the average of 1913.

Present steel prices are, in the main, fairly profitable to the steel mills, though there is no margin to make up for losses in depressed times, when payrolls are high relative to receipts. Operation is quite efficient but is liable to serious labor shortage when contractors begin bidding for labor on outdoor work.

Semi-finished steel is in a transitionary stage. The last important business was at $40 but $42.50 is now the common asking price on billets and sheet bars and a considerable tonnage is likely to go at this figure, $6.00 advance over the December market.

Pig iron has been looking up in all districts and some price advances have occurred. Furnaces have taken hold with $7.00 coke for second quarter, a price considerably higher than they expected to pay.

Steel production is now at as heavy a rate as at any time since the Armistice, with the possible exception of March, 1920, and heavier production is to be expected next month.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF CIVIC RIGHTS TO BE INQUIRED INTO

U. S. Coal Commission Will Broaden Scope of Its Investigations.

TO CONSIDER FACTS ONLY

The United States Coal Commission has announced its intention of broadening the scope of its investigations to include an inquiry into the allegations that there were "violations of the civic rights of American citizens" during the recent coal strike. The formal order directing that such an inquiry be made was as follows:

"The United States Coal Commission construes as part of its duty in ascertaining the conditions under which coal is produced, and the causes which from time to time induce strikes, to make a fair and impartial investigation of the controversies which have arisen from time to time between operators and miners, touching what is known in general terms as the civic rights of American citizens. It has been put in possession of certain charges made by miners against operators and operators against miners, but it does not deem the charges and the character of proof heretofore submitted to the commission to be of sufficient value to enable it to reach conclusions upon these subjects.

"It is, therefore, calling upon the United Mine Workers of America, the owners and operators of the mines, and the public generally who may have any knowledge of the subjects, not at second hand but actually ascertained, to submit to the commission in concrete form specific charges of the denial of any American citizen of any right guaranteed to him by the Constitution of the United States, the acts of Congress, and the decisions of the courts thereunder, definitely stating when and where such right was denied, what constitutional or other right was involved, who the witnesses are and where testimony supporting the same is to be found, and what decision of any court has been rendered on the proposition involved.

"It also calls for specific instances of the breach of either the civil or criminal law of the United States or any of the sovereign states of this union, identifying the crime and the criminal, the time and place of such offense occurred, the names of the witnesses and their residence, with a statement as to what the testimony of each witness will be on the subject together with a citation of the constitutional principles, the laws enacted thereunder, or the decisions rendered which may have bearing upon the case.

"It requests the presentation of the naked facts, unadorned by either oratory or vituperation. Commissioner Thomas R. Marshall has been authorized to examine and analyze all such complaints in order to facilitate their consideration by the full commission.

"It asks that in the first instance these charges and briefs be marked in sending for Mr. Marshall who is not to decide the question but is to collect and lay before the full commission the various propositions touching the rights of person and property, the denial of such rights, and the breaches of the law alleged to have occurred in the coal industry, to the end that the commission may determine what evidence is to be taken upon these questions, when and where, and to the further end that it may be put in possession of all the alleged facts and of the documentary or other evidence proposed to sustain the charges and the briefs, if desirable, of attorneys, upon the law bearing upon the disputed facts.

"It welcomes and invites all information obtainable upon these questions.

"The commission notifies the operators, miners, and the public that it reserves the right to fix a reasonable time prior to which it will not investigate."

Disapprove Anthracite Embargo.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Conditions governing the supply of anthracite do not warrant the laying of an embargo against the export of anthracite to Canada, the Interstate Commerce Commission declared today in a report to the Senate.

Production and Output.

Merchant Producers Turn Out More Coke As Market Steadily Gains Strength

Make Gain of 2,360 Tons While Furnace Ovens Drop Back 7,650 Tons.

DEMAND IS EXPANDING

As Steel Market Takes an Up-turn as Opportunity Opens to Supplant European Trade Lost to France and Germany Through Ruhr Occupation.

Responsive to the steadily strengthening demand the merchant producers turned out more coke last week than has been their contribution to the region's weekly total for more than three years. The gain by this interest of 2,360 tons over the preceding week was not as large as has been recorded in earlier weeks, but it represents the extent to which production facilities were enlarged, aided by a fairly good car supply which has been continued through the past three weeks.

Not having the same stimulus as their brother producers of the merchant group to keep output on an ascending scale, the furnace ovens dropped behind 7,650 tons, as contrasted with a gain of 5,700 tons during the preceding week. This lapse by the furnace interests does not, in any sense, reflect conditions in the trade generally. Their product does not figure in the market at anytime.

By reason of their relation as subsidiaries of the consuming interests the production of the furnace ovens increases or decreases according as the requirements of their parent organizations change, not, as in the case of the merchant producers, with demand in the market generally. The falling off in furnace production, when merchant production gains, is not an unusual occurrence. When this does happen in any given week, it just as frequently develops that the following week registers a gain in excess of the loss and, apparently, without relation to the causes which may have made merchant production go up or down the scale at the same time.

So, except as a measure of activity at the large furnace interests, or the state of their coke supply, production by the furnace coke plants in the region is not as true a guide of market conditions as production at the merchant plants. This fact is more noticeable at this time than for some weeks past. When the demand for heating coke began to wane, and there was some question whence or in what volume new business would come to take its place, there was a disposition on part of the merchants to move slowly. The furnace operators were unaffected, however, and continued to take on more ovens and make more coke.

Now that contracting for next quarter is assuming large proportions, and the market is showing new strength each day, it is the turn of the merchants to step out and they are doing so with sure confidence. The upturn given to the demand for steel and the stiffening of prices for its products, which have been taking place recently, have been the things needful to confirm the faith of the merchants in the future of the trade.

A strong influence in the general situation is the expansion of foreign business which is developing to supplant in the markets of Europe the iron and steel products furnished by France and Germany prior to the occupation of the Ruhr and the strike in the Saare Valley. With an almost complete cessation of iron and steel manufacture in these important centers the United States is having opportunities to supply the deficiency that might not otherwise have been presented. It is the generally shared belief that, even if the French occupation situation is cleared up soon, the impetus it has given the American steel trade, and through the latter to coke, will tend to an augmented prosperity in America which will continue for some time, possibly indefinitely.

The car situation in the region again helped the coke producers last week, the Pennsylvania railroad having averaged 85 per cent and the Monongahela 90 per cent distribution. Coal car supply is still at low ebb, the percentage ranging from three on the Monongahela to 15 on the Pennsylvania.

The estimated production of coke during the week ending Saturday, February 24 was 261,070 tons, divided between the two districts as follows: Connellsville, 142,210, a decrease of 7,540 tons; Lower Connellsville, 118,860, an increase of 2,250 tons, or a net decrease of 5,290 tons, as compared with a total increase of 6,580 tons during the preceding week.

By interests the production was: Furnace, 149,850, a loss of 7,650 tons; merchant, 111,220, a gain of 2,360 tons, as compared with gains of 5,700 and 850 tons respectively during the week ended February 17.

The gain of 316 in the number of ovens in blast last week was equally divided between the two interest, 158 each. The furnace gains were all at Frick plants as follows: Bitner, three; Calumet, 10; Davidson, seven; Hecla No. 2 and Kyle, one each; Lemont No. 1, 10; Redstone, 10; Yorkton, seven; Buffington, 89; Colonial No. 1, 10; Footedale, 10.

The merchant gains were: Oliver Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 107; Crystal, three; Richhill, 24; Sterling, 15; Tower Hill No. 2, 12.

Production by the two interests and the total compared with the corresponding week in 1922 is shown herewith:

Week	Merch.	Furn.	Total.	Total 1922
Jan. 6	81,870	135,970	217,850	81,130
Jan. 13	89,580	138,680	228,260	88,910
Jan. 20	99,190	135,190	234,680	86,550
Jan. 27	102,900	143,070	245,690	90,350
Feb. 3	99,990	144,110	244,100	90,160
Feb. 10	107,980	151,800	259,780	91,520
Feb. 17	108,860	157,500	266,260	102,590
Feb. 24	111,220	149,850	261,070	105,970
1923 to Date				1,855,890
1922 to Date				730,970
Gain over 1922				1,215,184

FURTHER DECLINE IN PRODUCTION OF BITUMINOUS COAL

Falling Off Continues Gradually From Week to Week; On Other Hand Beehive Coke Increases.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—According to the weekly report of the United States Geological Survey the total soft coal raised during the week ended February 17 is estimated at 10,549,000 net tons, a decline of 239,000 tons from the revised estimates of 10,788,000 for the week preceding.

Early returns on car loadings in the week of February 18-24 show 39,280 cars loaded on Monday, 36,177 on Tuesday, and 31,392 on Wednesday, thus indicating a rate of production lower than in the week before and a probable total output of from 10,200,000 to 10,400,000 tons.

The production of beehive coke continued on the increase during the week ended February 17. The total output, estimated from reports of cars loaded by the principal coke carriers and in part on reports of producers, was 382,000 net tons against 359,000 in the week before. The principal increase was in the Pennsylvania-Ohio region and there was also increase in the southern regions whereas output decreased in the West.

The Courier reports the output in the Connellsville region as 266,360 tons as compared with 259,780 in the preceding, and a net gain of 124 ovens in blast.

The production of coke by states, compared with the corresponding week a year ago was as follows:

	1923	1922
Pennsylvania and Ohio	307,000	104,000
West Virginia	24,000	7,000
Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia	23,000	11,000
Georgia	23,000	11,000
Virginia	16,000	5,000
Colorado and New Mexico	7,000	3,000
Washington and Utah	5,000	5,000
U. S. Total	382,000	135,000

Sales of Explosives Decreased December

Sales during December, 1922, of explosives for use in the United States, reported to the federal Bureau of Mines by manufacturers representing about 90 per cent of the industry, amounted to 621,642 kegs of black blasting powder, 4,072,810 pounds of permissible explosives, and 15,297,747 pounds of other high explosives. Each of these figures represents a reduction as compared with sales reported for November.

Of the total quantity of black powder used in December, coal mining used 89.3 per cent, other mining operations used 1.3 per cent, railroad and other construction work 3.9 per cent, and miscellaneous purposes 5.5 per cent.

Of the total quantity of permissibles sold in December 93.6 per cent was used for coal mining, 4.3 per cent for other kinds of mining, 0.4 per cent for railroad and other construction work, and 1.7 per cent for miscellaneous work.

Of the total sales of other high explosives, coal mining consumed 19.8 per cent, other mining 41.7 per cent, railroad and other construction work 9.6 per cent, and miscellaneous purposes 25.9 per cent.

Information About Coal Police Wanted

Companies throughout the state employing coal and iron police, appointed by the governor, are requested in a letter sent them by Governor Pinchot, to furnish detailed information regarding the men in their employ. Accompanying the letters were application forms designed to show the qualifications and previous record of men seeking appointment.

The governor's action grew out of his recent announcement that commissions as coal and iron police would not be issued indiscriminately.

FIFTH BITUMINOUS DISTRICT GAINED A MILLION TONS '22

All But Three of Its 84 Mines Were in Operation During the Year.

FRICK OUTPUT LARGEST

The report of Mine Inspector Richard Maize for the Fifth Bituminous district shows that during 1922 the output of coal was 4,203,256 tons, and of coke 1,225,028 tons. The production of coal was about a million tons greater than in 1921. There are 84 mines in the district of which 81 are in operation.

Fatal accidents inside the mines numbered 12, outside, three. There were 350,271 tons of coal produced per fatal accident inside the mines.

The H. C. Frick Coke Company was the largest producer, its output having been 2,061,863 tons, or with a fraction of 50 per cent of the total output of the district. The production of other operators in order of tonnage was as follows:

W. J. Rainey, Inc., 338,477; Fancy Hill Coal Company, 177,670; Locust Hill Coal Company, 139,835; W. J. Reilly Coal & Coke Company, 117,209; Brownsfield Coal & Coke Company, 89,281; Heck Coal & Coke Company, 77,356; Davidson-Connellsville Coal & Coke Company, 73,900; Amend Coal & Coke Company, 70,525; Oliphant Coal & Coke Company, 61,963; Oliver & Snyder Steel Company, 61,582; Harah Coal & Coke Company, 54,783; Evans Coal & Coke Company, 52,126; D. B. Hays Coal Company, 51,070; Point Marion Coal Company, 46,986; Hankins Coal & Coke Company, 37,389; Liberty Coal & Coke Company, 36,021; Morgan Coal & Coke Company, 34,838; Southern Connellsville Coke Company, Richard Sherrick, Receiver, 32,407; Tunnel Coal & Coke Company, 30,732; Deyarman Coal & Coke Company, 28,-220; Meadow Brook Fuel Company, 28,560; Wilson Brothers Coal Company, 27,852; Russell Coal & Coke Company, 26,968; Rich Hill Coke Company, 2[illegible],450; Clark Coal Company, 24,257; Stern Coal & Coke Company, 24,150; Jennings Coal & Coke Company, 23,660; Westmoreland-Fayette Coal & Coke Company, 23,213; H. R. Sackett Coal & Coke Company, 22,-634; Fairchance Coal & Coke Company, 16,680; Eureka Coal & Coke Company, 16,009; Smiley Coal Company 14,869; Donald Coal & Coke Company, 15,702; Swaney Coal Company, 15,666; Lyons Coal Company, 15,280; Hertzog Coal & Coke Company 14,040; Beeson Coal Company, 10,670; Robinson Coal Company, 10,645; Beal Coal Company, 10,166; Youngstown Coal Company, 9,885; Morris Connellsville Fuel Company, 8,465; Faith Coal Company, 7,557; Mullen Coal Company, 7,544; American Manganese Manufacturing Company, 7,165; Sadie Mining Company, 7,[illegible]62; Kinsell Coal Company, 6,728; Landman Coal & Coke Company, 5,537; South End Coal Company, 4,722; Hayden Coal Company, 4,370; Laughead Coal Company, 3,900; Buttermore Coal Company, 3,795; Connellsville Coal & Coke Company, 2,552; United Refractories Company, 1,954; Total, 4,203,256.

Number of mines, 84; mines in operation, 81; gaseous mines in operation, 27; non gaseous mines in operation, 54; tons and coal shipped to market, 2,196,559; tons used at mines for steam and heat, 133,965; tons sold to local trade and used by employes, 58,-667; tons used in the manufacture of coke, 1,814,065; tons of coal poduced, 4,203,256; tons of coke produced, 1,225,028; coke ovens, 7,166; coke ovens in operation 3,030; tons of coal produced by pick mining, 2,550,354; tons produced by compressed air machines, 120,[illegible]09; tons produced by electrical machines, 1,532,602; persons employed inside, 4,341; persons employed outside, including coke workers, 1,779; persons employed at manufacture of coke, 497; persons employed inside between 16 and 21 years, 782; persons employed outside between 14 and 21 years, 251; fatal accidents inside, 12; fatal accidents outside, three; non-fatal accidents inside, 46; non-fatal accidents outside, five; tons of coal produced per fatal accident inside, 350,271; tons produced per fatal accident inside and outside, 280,217; persons employed per fatal accident inside, 362; persons employed per fatal accident outside, 593; persons employed per fatal accident inside and outside, 408; persons employed per non-fatal accident inside, 94; persons employed per non-fatal accident outside, 356; persons employed per non-fatal accidents inside and outside, 118; wives made widows, 9; children made orphans, 21;

Four new mines were opened and one mine abandoned.

COAL OUTPUT IN THE 20TH DISTRICT SHOWS INCREASE

SOMERSET, Feb. 24.—The 20th Bituminous Coal District produced 4,230,024 tons of coal in 1922, or 57,882 tons more than in 1921, according to the annual report of Mine Inspector Fletcher W. Cunningham.

The leading producer was the Consolidation Coal Company, 977,714 tons. Others above the 100,000 mark were: Quemahoning Coal Company, 418,450; Hillman Coal & Coke Company, 385,-673; Davis Coal & Coke Company, 166,191; Brothersvalley Coal Company, 145,062; C. J. Rowe & Brother, 127,972; Quemahoning Creek Coal Company, 12[illegible]; [illegible].

Somerset was a non-union field at the beginning of the coal strike April 1, 1922, and a determined fight was made by the officials and other organizers of the United Mine Workers of America to unionize the territory. Their efforts were successful in much of territory embraced in the 20th district, but the large Berwind-White corporation and other companies are still holding out against the demand of the miners for the recognition of their union.

More mines were in operation and less men were at work during 1922 than during the previous year, according to the report. The number of workmen decreased 526 from the previous year, and there were 136 mines in operation, as compared with 117 in 1921. Nine mines were opened in the course of the year and three abandoned, making a total of 156 mines in existence and 136 being operated.

The mines in the 20th district shipped out a total of 4,050,029 tons, and used at the mines 93,558. Local trade consumed 86,837, bringing the total production to 4,230,424. There were 2,498,883 tons produced by pick mining and 1,731,541 by electrical machines.

One of the features of the report is the high percentage of Americans employed in the mines. Out of a total of 6,746 employes, there are 4,775 Americans, or 71 per cent.

There was an increase of seven fatalities during the year over the total number for the previous year, most of those killed being Americans. There were 17 fatal accidents and 63 non-fatal accidents.

The feeling has been growing in Somerset, due largely to regular confusion resulting from a shortage of cars, that the local field has too many mines and that the public would be much better served with a fewer operations. It is believed that the railroads are incapable, even under normal circumstances, to provide an adequate car supply. Much trouble also has been experienced in the local field from the "snow bird" operator, the owner of the small mine who operates when prices are high and closes down when there is a slump.

ALMOST MILLION MORE TONS MINED IN 11TH DISTRICT

Eighteen Fatal Accidents Inside, Rate Being One for Every 282,123 Tons of Coal Produced.

GREENSBURG, Feb. 28.—Production of coal in the 11th Bituminous District, entirely in Westmoreland county, totaled 983,316 tons more coal in 1922 than in 1921, the annual report of J. J. McDonald of Greensburg, inspector of mines in this district, just completed, shows. The production, however, is 470,939 tons less than in 1920. In 1922 the district produced 5,078,217 tons; in 1921 4,094,901 and in 1920, 5,549,156.

Production of coke in the district increased more than 600,000 tons during the year. This increase was made despite the fact that there were fewer ovens in the district, although more were in operation. In 1921 but 626,482 tons of coal were used in the manufacture of coke, while last year 1,607,444 tons were used. During 1921, 419,787 tons of coke were produced, while in 1922, 1,065,489 tons were manufactured.

The H. C. Frick Coke Company produced 1,786,664 tons of coal, or 35 per cent of the district's total. Other operators producing in excess of 100,000 tons were as follows:

Keystone Coal & Coke Company, 933,938; Greensburg Coal Company, 309,146; Jamison Coal & Coke Company, 295,530; Mount Pleasant-Connellsville Coke Company, 273,666; Westmoreland Coal Company, 254,205; W. J. Rainey, Inc., 188,608; Youghiogheny & Ohio Coal Company, 185,-562; Whyel Coke Company, 178,112; Humphreys Coal & Coke Company, 109,469 tons.

There were 57 out of the 61 mines in this district in operation during the year, 38 of which are gaseous. Of the 3,351 coke ovens in the district 1,922 were active during some part of the year. The inside employes numbered 4,860; outside 1,674, of whom 530 were coke workers.

There were 18 fatal and 45 non-fatal accidents inside and two fatal and five non-fatal outside. The production per fatal accident inside was 282,123; per fatal accident inside and outside, 263,911 tons. Ten wives were made widows and 20 children orphans by the fatalities.

During the year six new mines were opened and two old mines abandoned.

OVER 3,000,000 TONS COAL PRODUCED IN THE 27TH DISTRICT IN 1922

The report of Harry Phythyon, mine inspector of the 27th Bituminous District, which includes mines in the northwestern section of Fayette and the southwestern section of Westmoreland county, shows production of coal in 1922 to have been 3,004,317 tons. The production by companies was as follows:

Washington Coal & Coke Company, 490,304 tons, Pittsburg Coal Company, 475,109; H. C. Frick Coke Company, 379,251; Jamison Coal & Coke Company, 299,820; Lowber Gas Coal Company, 205,880; W. J. Rainey, Inc., 161,200; Monessen Coal & Coke Company, 129,745; Diamond Coal & Coke Company, 126,423; Brier Hill Coke Company, 123,034; Lincoln Coal & Coke Company, 119,700; Hillman Coal & Coke Company, 87,788; American Coke Corporation, 70,010; Chanoual Coal Company, 51,483; Pittsburg & Erie Coal Company, 48,790; Forsythe Coal Company, 48,256; Century Coke Company, 46,531, Snowden Coal Company, 30,700; Weons Coal Company, 21,078; Hough Coal Company, 13,207; Victoria Coal Company, 11,894; L. A. Brown, 7,442; W. B. Curry, 7,377; Waltersburg Coke Company, 6,284; Smock Coal Company, 3,850, Allis Coke Company, 2,200

Production by counties: Fayette, 2,570,172; Westmoreland, 434,145; total, 3,004,317 tons.

More Trouble in Ruhr Foreseen.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—More trouble in the Ruhr section was forecast today by the French embassy which announced that it had "reliable information" indicating an anti-French movement, calculated to culminate in an "armed uprising."

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN THE CONNELLSVILLE DISTRICT

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, February 24, 1923.

Ovens	In	Works	Name of Operators.	Address.
			MERCHANT OVENS	
152	152	Beatty	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
20	20	Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Co.	Mt. Pleasant
150	124	Clara	Clara Coke Co.	Greensburg
92	42	Clarissa	Corrado-Senecek Coke Co.	Connellsville
100	100	Elm Grove	W. J. Rainey, Inc.	New York
54	54	Fort Hill	W. J. Rainey, Inc.	New York
10	...	Franklin	Summit-C'ville Coke Co.	Connellsville
101	80	Gilmore	Gilmore Coke Co.	Uniontown
8	...	Helen	Samuel J. Lohr	Youngwood
146	146	Humphries	Humphreys Coal & Coke Co	Greensburg
16	...	Morgan	Corrado-Senecek Coke Co.	Connellsville
275	275	Mt. Braddock	W. J. Rainey, Inc.	New York
310	310	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
22	52	Myers	Brownfield Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
50	12	Nellie	Nellie Coke Co	Connellsville
328	190	Oliver No. 1	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
480	277	Oliver No. 2	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
300	152	Oliver No. 3	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
30	24	Paul	W. J. Rainey, Inc.	New York
12	20	Peerless	Monongahela Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
400	400	Revere	W. J. Rainey, Inc.	New York
40	...	Thomas	Whyel Coke Co.	Uniontown
33	53	West Penn	West Penn Coke Co.	Pittsburg
3,258	2,623			
			FURNACE OVENS.	
260	...	Adelaide	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
356	...	Alverton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
397	...	Bagguley	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	110	Bitner	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
240	...	Brinkerton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	210	Calumet	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
301	...	Central	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	352	Collier	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	400	Continental 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
326	271	Continental 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	...	Continental 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
120	120	Crossland	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
333	219	Davidson	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
230	...	Dorothy	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Dunbar
110	50	Dunbar	Amer. Manganese Mfg. Co.	Pittsburg
272	272	Hecla No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
350	191	Hecla No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Hecla No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
355	355	Hostetter	Hostetter-C'ville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
249	248	Juniata	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
312	298	Kyle	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
498	350	Leisenring 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
502	446	Leisenring 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
502	500	Leisenring 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
204	210	Leith	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
227	70	Lemont No 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
350	350	Lemont No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
509	384	Mammoth	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
299	299	Marguerite	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
195	115	Mutual	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
150	143	Oliphant	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	100	Phillips	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
413	350	Redstone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
448	...	Shoaf	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
425	250	Southwest 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
150	...	Southwest 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
204	...	Southwest 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
961	200	Standard	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
444	430	Trotter	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
250	230	United	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
332	332	Whitney	Hostetter-C'ville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	182	Wynn	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	110	Yorktown	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
246	246	Youngstown	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
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EXTENDING SAFETY FIRST TO RAILROAD CABOOSES PROPOSED

HARRISBURG, Feb. 28.—Every caboose or cabin car used by railroads operating in Pennsylvania would be constructed with a steel under frame, a running gear of two trucks of four wheels each, have the same constructive strength as a 40-ton capacity car and be equipped with U. S. Safety appliance standards provided a bill introduced by Representative W. J. Mangan, Allegheny county, becomes a law.

The bill would make the district attorney the enforcing officer and provides for a penalty of not more than $100 nor less than $25 for each day's retention of any car in violation of the act, in service.

Railroads of 15 miles or less would be exempt from complying with these conditions.

CASE AGAINST KEENEY THROWN OUT OF COURT

Unexpected Action Comes on Motion of Prosecution in Logan County Case.

TAMPER WITH WITNESSES

Four of Leading Ones Disappear, Court Informed, But on Objection Defense Three Are Produced; They Refuse to Talk, Judge Is Told.

BERKELEY SPRINGS, W. Va., Feb. 23.—The case against C. Frank Keeney, president of the West Virginia United Mine Workers, who was brought to trial as an accessory to murder in the Logan county industrial disturbances, ended abruptly today when Judge J. M. Woods threw out the indictment on motion of the prosecution. It was alleged there had been tampering with witnesses. The motion was made by H. D. Allen, prosecuting attorney of Morgan county, who declared that four important witnesses for the state had mysteriously disappeared from Berkeley Springs and the prosecution would not attempt to continue its case without them. Judge Woods indicated that in such circumstances nothing remained but for him to grant the motion.

To this T. C. Townsend of counsel for Keeney, objected declaring the witnesses were also witnesses for the defense and three of them had come to him a day or two ago asking protection from deputy sheriffs from a "foreign county." They told him, he said, that they had been compelled to make statements which were untrue. He had sent them to another hotel and there they were at present, he added, not far from the courthouse.

Judge Woods ordered the witnesses brought to the courtroom, saying: "We have nothing to conceal here."

The men, T. C. Hickey, William Arms and Walter Arms, all of Kanawha county, were brought into court and were taken to the prosecution's desk.

After a brief conference Mr. Allen told the court the men would not discuss the case with him and it would be useless to proceed without them. Judge Woods agreed with him and Keeney was freed.

Big Gain in Briquette Making in United States

The census bureau has reported that the value of products of establishments engaged primarily in the manufacture of fuel amounted to $3,178,000 in 1921 as compared with $1,974,000 in 1919, and $863,000 in 1914, an increase of sixty-one per cent from 1919 to 1921 and of 268.2 per cent for the seven-year period 1914 to 1921. The industry includes establishments engaged in the manufacture of briquettes from bituminous coal and anthracite dust mixed with tar and pitch as a binder; a composition of charcoal, pitch, tar and soda, also fuels made of crude oil and sawdust, etc.

Of the 14 establishments reporting in 1921, two each were located in Indiana, New York Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Wisconsin; and one each in California, Missouri, New Jersey, and Washington.

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ed freight cars moved in x weeks of 1923 totaled consisted of 549,147 cars the Pennsylvania Rail- lines, and 325,677 received ections. In the first six 922 there were altogether handled, and in the first six weeks of 1921 the total was 711,108.

The record-breaking movement thus far in the present year reflects demands and needs of shippers, which are unprecedented for this season, as well as the efforts of the railroad management to concentrate all endeavors upon moving the maximum amount of freight possible with the facilities available.

Practically every commodity produced in Pennsylvania Railroad territory has been involved in the record-breaking traffic, as well as merchandise freight and freight received from connecting lines.

Sons of P. R. R. Men Have Opportunity to Win Scholarships

Competitive examinations open to the sons of living and deceased employes of all lines included in the Pennsylvania Railroad System will be held in June this year to determine the award of two Frank Thomson Scholarships. These scholarships were established under a trust fund by the children of the late Frank Thomson, formerly president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The income of this fund is used to give the sons of employes an opportunity to obtain a technical education to better qualify them for employment on the Pennsylvania Railroad System.

The terms provide that eight scholarships shall be established for four years each. To fill the vacancies due to the completion of the awards made in 1919, two scholarships will be awarded for the four years beginning with the year 1923-1924.

The university, college, or technical school selected is subject to approval by the railroad. Successful candidates will receive an appropriate certificate from the Pennsylvania Railroad System entitling them to payment by the trustees, the Fidelity Trust Company of Philadelphia, of a sum not to exceed $600, in quarterly installments, for each year during which they study under the terms of the Frank Thomson Scholarships

While applicants already in college are not precluded from competing, according to an official announcement by President Samuel Rea and Vice-President G. L. Peck, in charge of personnel, attention is directed to the primal purpose of the donors which was to give worthy sons of employes an opportunity to obtain technical training which they would not otherwise have. Applications from students already in college will receive the consideration they merit, it is announced, provided such applicants obtain a mark of at least 50 per cent in all branches in which they are examined.

Examinations will embrace subjects corresponding, in general, to the entrance requirements of the scientific departments of the higher class universities, colleges and technical schools.

The College Entrance Examination Board of New York City will act as the agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad System in conducting the examination for 1923-1924. Information regarding rules, regulations and requirements will be furnished to candidates upon application in writing addressed to the board at 431 West 117th street, New York City. Application upon a blank form to be obtained from the secretary of the board must be received by them on or before May 28, 1923, for examination east of the Mississippi river and on or before May 21, 1923, for examination west of the Mississippi river.

JAMES A. BENNETT, RAILROAD BUILDER, CALLED BY DEATH

GREENSBURG, Feb.—James A. Bennett, contractor, coal operator and banker, died Thursday afternoon at his home in North Main street, after an illness of several weeks Mr. Bennett had been unconscious for several days. Several weeks ago while on the street he suffered a stroke.

Born at Steubenville, Ohio, Mr Bennett, had he lived until August 21, next, would have been 71 years old. Coming to Greensburg in 1886, he engaged in the contracting business with Robert Talbott, forming the firm of Bennett & Talbott, which was still functioning at the time of Mr Bennett's death. One of the first contracts completed by this firm was the building of a spur of railroad leading from Somerset to Johnstown. Later the firm built part of the Redstone branch railroad leading into Uniontown. This was followed by the building of a spur of road from Mount Pleasant to Hecla.

For 25 years Mr. Bennett did contracting tunnel work for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He also built a mile of tunnel for the Erie Railroad in New York state and did similar work in Cuba and Olean, N. Y.

West Penn Extends Its Holdings to Outskirts Of the National Capital

By the recent purchase of the plants of the Cumberland Electric Railway Company and the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, also of Cumberland, Md., the West Penn Power interests completed a chain of utilities stretching from Clarion on the north to outskirts of Washington, D. C.

Other extensions are being planned.

The Cumberland utilities were controlled by former United States Senator George L. Wellington, James A. McHenry, W. Milner Roberts and Charles G. Holzabu. The plants passed to the American Water Works Company of which the West Penn is a subsidiary

The American Water Works Company recently acquired control of the Potomac Public Service Company, which operates in the Hagerstown-Frederick territory, and the Cumberland property will be a connecting link between the West Penn interests on the west and the Potomac interests on the east.

The new owners will make many improvements and extensions at Cumberland, the work to start within a short time.

"NEXT BIG STRIKE"

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the present plans succeed to the point of compelling the government to seize the railroads in an emergency, the organized forces of unrest are prepared to follow up their advantage with political action designed to consolidate their gains and make permanent their success in what amounts to a gigantic scheme to socialize' American industry.

"The leadership of the 'left wing' labor organizations seems to emanate from socialist and ultra-radical sources while at the same time the political extremists of every stripe are lending their aid and their names to the strike program and nationalization scheme. Money in plenty is forthcoming for the financing of the campaign, and it is partly this condition which accounts for the solidarity in the ranks of the various organizations that are cooperating in this under-cover war against industry The attack is directed not only against American industry but against the government itself, because the activities of these organizations are revolutionary in character and actually are aimed at changing the form of government and making the United States a socialistic republic.

"The organizing campaign now going on in certain industries, particularly in the iron and steel industry, is directed by some of the same agencies and the same leaders who have participated in all major strikes of the last five years. The steel strike of 1919 was the climax of an organizing campaign conducted under the auspices of a committee headed by William Z. Foster, American communist, and John Fitzpatrick, who were at that time, respectively, president and vice-president of the Chicago Federation of Labor The control of the campaign was in the hands of Foster and Fitzpatrick, although Samuel Gompers originally was chairman of the national committee for organizing iron and steel workers. That committee was formed pursuant to resolution, adopted at the 1918 convention of the American Federation of Labor, at St. Paul, Minn. Contrary to general belief, the organization work among the steel workers was conducted directly under the control of the American Federation of Labor. The same committee, practically in fact and constituted as before, has resumed the work of organizing the iron and steel workers still under the leadership of Foster.

"Actively cooperating with the national committee for organizing iron and steel workers is the monthly publication of the Labor Publication Society, Inc., now known as 'Labor Age,' but formerly the 'Socialist Review.' This paper is one of the principal media of publicity among steel workers. It is said that a million copies of the last issue were circulated.

"The board of directors and advisory editorial board of the Labor Publication Society include three representatives of the Bureau of Industrial Research, of which Robert W. Bruere is the head. It was this bureau which engineered the Report on the Steel Strike of 1919 published under the name of the Interchurch World Movement. The Interchurch World Report has since been thoroughly discredited. It has been shown by Marshall Olds in his 'Analysis of the Interchurch World Movement Report on the Steel Strike,' that Robert Bruere and Rober Blankenhorn together were the principal editors of the report.

"Among the persons associated with the Labor Publication Society, Inc., are such individuals as Upton Sinclair, Rose Schneiderman and Frank B. Walsh, whose affiliations with radical organizations are well known Five members of the committee of 11 of the Conference For Progressive Political Action are among the directors and contributing editors, including James H. Maurer, president, Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, who is president of the Labor Publication Society; and William H. Johnston, head of the International Association of Machinists."

BLACKFIELD MINES, MEYERSDALE, PASS INTO NEW HANDS

MEYERSDALE, Feb. 28.—The Blackfield mines, hitherto owned and operated by F. H. and J. M. Black and associates as a portion of the Atlantic Coal Company operations, have passed into new hands, the Blacks having disposed of their entire interests in the property which had been in litigation for some time, an amicable adjustment of all difficulties being effected thereby.

A syndicate of Meyersdale, Garrett and Salisbury capitalists, composed of the five Romesberg brothers—Madison, Norman, Samuel, Theodore and Frank Romesberg—C. M. and C. E. Bird, C. A. Phillips and John Kretchman, is the new owner. By the terms of sale, the syndicate has come into possession of the charter of one of the Black subsidiary corporations, the Atlantic Fuel Company, and is operating the mines, which are among the most important in this section of the country, under that name.

Frank Romesberg of Salisbury is president of the new company, C. M. Bird, vice-president and superintendent, John Kretchman secretary, and Norman Romesberg of Garrett, treasurer.

Included in the deal are 1,000 acres of coal, together with tipple and bin which has a capacity of 600 tons, 200 mine cars, two steam dinkey engines, two electric motors and all other equipment that was used in operating the Blackfield mines.

Edward O'Toole, III, Arrives in Paraguay

Edward O'Toole, III, arrived a few weeks ago Although born in Asuncion, Paraguay, the youngster is a good American, his father being United States minister to that country, and formerly president of the Central Pocahontas Coal Company

His grandfather is Edward O'Toole general superintendent of the United States Coal & Coke Company Gary, W. Va., and a formerly well-known mining man of the Connellsville region.

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LIST OF COKE OVENS IN THE LOWER CONNELLSVILLE DISTRICT

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, February 24, 1923.

Ovens	In	Works	Name of Operators.	Address.
			MERCHANT OVENS.	
50	40	Adah	Westm'd-Fayette Coke Co.	Greensburg
193	293	Allison No. 1	W. J. Rainey, Inc	New York
200	200	Allison No. 2	W. J. Rainey, Inc	New York
142	142	American 1	American Coke Corporation.	Pittsburg
240	240	American 2	American Coke Corporation.	Pittsburg
50	...	Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
206	142	Century	Century Coke Co.	Brownsville
40	40	Champion	Champion C'ville Coke Co.	Uniontown
25	..	Champion	Champion Gas Coal Co.	Pittsburg
118	106	Crystal	Hecla Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
256	226	Dentler	Redstone Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
402	240	Donald 1 & 2	Consolidated Coke Co.	Pittsburg
160	..	Donald No 3	Consolidated Coke Co.	Pittsburg
120	104	Edna	Waltersburg Coke Co.	Uniontown
132	132	Eleanor	Stern Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
34	34	Foster	Old Connellsville Coke Co.	Smithfield
120	45	Freedom	Republic Coal & Coke Co	Connellsville
115	115	Garwood	Acme-C'ville Coke Co	Connellsville
58	..	Genuine	Genuine C'ville Coke Co.	Uniontown
200	200	Griffin No. 1	Hecla Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
156	156	Griffin No. 2	Hecla Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
210	210	Herbert	C'ville Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg
15	20	Hillside	Westmoreland Gas Coal Co.	Pittsburg
52	15	Hill Top	H. Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
150	150	Hoover	James H. Hoover	McClellandtown
53	13	Hope	Hope Coke Co.	Uniontown
125	180	Kinstead	Kinstead-Schmitz C. & C. Co.	Uniontown
260	260	Isabella	Hecla Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
24	..	Junior	Junior Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
150	55	Katherine	Union Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
200	140	Labelle	American Conn. Fuel Co.	Labelle
300	40	Lafayette	Atlas Coke Co.	Helen
90	40	Leon	Franklin Coke Co.	Mt. Pleasant
400	400	Lincoln	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co.	Scottdale
40	...	Little Gem	The Bixler Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	..	Low Phos	C'ville Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg
74	54	Luzerne	Luzerne Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
74	60	Marion	Southern C'ville Coke Co.	Connellsville
300	224	Mt. Hope	Snowden Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	100	Old Home	W. J. Marshall	Uniontown
212	198	Puritan 1 & 2	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
15	..	Puritan No. 4	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
80	80	Puritan No. 5	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
101	..	Poland	Poland Coal Co.	Pittsburg
125	105	Rich Hill	Rich Hill Coal & Coke Co.	Outcrop
278	...	Royal	W. J. Rainey, Inc	New York
45	45	Russell	Russell Coal & Coke Co.	Smithfield
50	30	Sackett	H. H. Sackett Coal & C Co.	Smithfield
378	272	Searlight	Bourne-Fuller Coke Co.	Uniontown
256	160	Shamrock	Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
310	265	Sterling	Consolidated Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	278	Thompson 2	Thompson C'ville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
310	302	Tower Hill 1	Eastern Coke Co.	Pittsburg
344	375	Tower Hill 2	Tower Hill C'ville Coke Co.	Uniontown
42	29	Virgie	Byrne Coal & Coke Co.	Scottdale
500	186	Washington 1	Washington Coal & Coke Co.	Dawson
500	256	Washington 2	Washington Coal & Coke Co.	Dawson
60	60	Winmore	Wineland-Gilmore C. & C.	Uniontown
56	56	Yukon	Wheeler Coke Co.	Uniontown
10,247	7,050			
			FURNACE OVENS	
400	400	Alice	Pittsburg-Steel Co.	Alicia, Fay. Co.
100	..	Bridgeport	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
470	..	Brier Hill	Brier Hill Coke Co.	Brier Hill
426	272	Buffington	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	390	Colonial No 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
156	156	Colonial No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	224	Colonial No 4	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	250	Dearth	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	..	Edenborn	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	240	Footedale	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
302	180	Geneva	McKeesfrey Coal Co.	Leetonia, Ohio
462	..	Lambert	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
616	...	Leckrone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
244	...	Martin	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Youngstown, O.
30	...	Newcomer	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	274	Orient	American Coke Corporation.	Uniontown
400	274	Republic	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Uniontown
350	..	Ronco	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	320	Thompson 1	Rockstone Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
6,556	3,046			

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THURSDAY MORNING, MAR. 1, '23.

IMPROVING MINE ACCIDENT RECORDS.

There having been one more life lost in the mines of the Ninth Bituminous District during 1922 than in the year preceding it may not appear to some people that the fatality record showed any improvement. It did, however, and to a very remarkable degree as indicated by the number of tons of coal mined per fatal accident, which is the method of determining the mine accident rate.

Notwithstanding the output of coal at the 80 active mines in the district during the year was considerably more than twice that in 1921, only one fatality resulted for every 800,684 tons of coal mined as compared with one death for every 528,504 tons mined in 1921. This means that although subjected to all the hazards involved in mining more than double the tonnage in their mines miners were both comparatively and actually safer in their daily occupation than they were during the preceding year. It also means that had the rate of 1922 been the same as in 1921 the number of fatalities would have been seven instead of five, an increase of two, or 40 per cent. This comparison illustrates the real significance of the improvement during the past year.

In contributing to this result perhaps more than the greater locally, due to the mine managements than to the individual workers. It is notoriously true of miners that they are as a rule, quite indifferent to their own safety and will take chances even after repeated warnings by the mine foreman. The most persistent disregard of caution takes place in rib drawing, miners neglecting to set posts as instructed because doing so involves more labor than to them seems necessary. The all too frequent and sad result is that a fall of roof catches the miner, killing him outright or inflicting injuries which later prove fatal. In consequence falls of roof continue to be the most prolific source of accidents, both fatal and non-fatal.

The accident records from year to year since safety measures began to be taken register a progressive improvement which shows that the miners and mine workers are giving more attention to rules and regulations for the almost complete elimination of the accident menace. [illegible] the effort that is made to prevent accidents. The remarkable increase in the number of fatalities, despite great [illegible] money to the faithfulness and efficiency of the mine foremen, who are charged with the duty of enforcing the safety regulations. There can be no [illegible] absolutely "no [illegible]" and [illegible] be made so because [illegible] is dependent upon the human element, and that varies so widely [illegible] do. The disposition, [illegible] character still [illegible]. It is encouraging, however, to [illegible] that as mine hazards increase with [illegible] the extent and number of dangerous [illegible] the fatality rate is being reduced. It [illegible] is perhaps possible that the natural dangers of mining will never be [illegible] still more completely minimized [illegible] so long as even one careless worker [illegible] is left, a long range view [illegible] it is apparently [illegible] that fatalities can be eliminated entirely.

THE FINE EXAMPLE OF THE SAVERS.

The reports of the banking institutions which come under the supervision of the state show that during the year the savings deposits increased over $100,000,000. Statistics for the [illegible] national banks are not yet available, but it is to be presumed that these institutions made a record showing if not greater than those under state regulation.

"And this, too," says the Harrisburg Telegraph, "in a year when many readjustments were made and conditions not altogether satisfactory in many lines of employment, when demands for manufactured products lagged, when great strikes occurred and when transportation activities were reduced."

That a remarkable increase in savings was possible under the adverse conditions prevailing during the year is in every way encouraging. [illegible] of thrift are being learned [illegible] people [illegible] plans for laying aside [illegible] earnings as they become available.

What a fine example they are giving others who do not appreciate the difference between spending foolishly and saving wisely and who will some day regret that they, too, have not made provision against that day when the rewards of their thrift will yield them a more abiding joy and pleasure than the gratification of purchasing whims or desires!

Quite plainly Judge Gorkey has some conscientious objections of his own when the "C. O." question comes before him for decision. He seems to avoid parting as severely as possible.

FAYETTE COUNTY'S PLACE IN INDUSTRY.

The importance of Fayette county as an industrial section of the state of Pennsylvania is shown in a striking manner by the statistics of the Department of Internal Affairs. The products manufactured at our establishments in 1921 were valued at $27,079,000, giving the county twenty-first place among the 67 counties of the state, which means that but 20 counties turned out products of a greater aggregate value than Fayette.

On the basis of average ratings over a period of years a compilation would give Fayette a much higher place in the list because the coke trade suffered its greatest depression for 35 years during the period covered by the report, from which the statistics given above are taken. In 1921 the value of the coke production was only $14,577,000, or almost $75,000,000 less than in the year preceding. In 1922 the value has increased to $40,576,000, a gain of $26,007,000 over 1921.

During the seven years, 1916 to 1922, inclusive, the average value of coke production was $67,500,000 per year, the maximum of $117,000,000 having been reached in 1916. Had 1921 been anything like a normal year the aggregate value of Fayette county's manufactured products would have been more nearly in excess of $100,000,000, instead of $72,675,000, thereby putting the county in a place much nearer the top of the list than given it in the report.

By the same token its rating in the matter of wages paid to employes would also have been better than tenth place, which it earned in 1921 through having paid $[illegible] to 31,[illegible] persons employed in the industries. During that year the coke industry proper was hit as big per cent of the records showed, equipment and machinery only [illegible] per cent for the whole year. That meant that the reductions in the number of men employed and also in the amount of the payrolls were in exact proportion.

While the report for 1921 gives Fayette county a very creditable showing it does not indicate its position in industrial parlance. The report for 1922 will no doubt make the showing still more representative of the county's importance as one of the leading industrial portions of the state.

"OUT AMONG FRIENDS."

[illegible]

PROSPERITY IN COKE.

It is decidedly encouraging to all lines of business in the coke region to know that the coke trade is expanding to such proportions that the output is increasing from week to week to tonnages greater than have been produced in a single week for more than three years. No less gratifying is it to find that business is developing in new quarters to take the place of the demand for heating coke which is falling off by degrees as the spring season approaches.

This trade developed at a very opportune time, as viewed from the standpoint of the coke producers. Early in last December there was a very noticeable easement in demand from furnaces and foundries. Prices, which are always sensitive to fluctuations in demand, began to soften and the outlook was not as promising as coke makers had anticipated. Almost over night the users of anthracite coal, faced with a shortage in the supply, came into the coke region and placed large orders for coke as the next satisfactory, and that time the only available substitute for the fuel to which they had been so long accustomed. This had the effect of turning the market tide. Prices began to stiffen and other classes of consumers, fearing the heating coke demand might create a scarcity, began to buy more freely themselves. Operators began to fire up more ovens and the activity became more and more vigorous.

The furnacemen having anticipated that the close of the year would develop a lower price range, held off making contracts for the first quarter of the new year until after January 1. Buying of a spot character was continued for several weeks but finally furnacemen were convinced that price adjustment had proceeded about as far as it would go under existing circumstances. They then began to contract for the quarter.

During the past few weeks there was another waiting spell on part of furnacemen who were of the opinion that the waning heating coke trade would bring prices down to a lower level in time to make advantageous contracts for the second quarter. Heavier activity in the steel trade and the development of new business to take the place of the heating coke trade served, however, to give strength to the coke market, forcing buyers to the conclusion that prompt action in making contracts was better than deferring to a later date. Accordingly they began to contract for the second quarter at prices which are only slightly lower than those recently ruling for spot coke.

All the while the operators have contended that the prices were reasonable [illegible] account the high cost of production which are not subject to further adjustment under the prevailing scale of wages and terms of pricing for supplies, taxes and other items of overhead. That they have been able to hold their ground while influences have been manifest which at other times would have caused a sharp drop in prices, and that increased business is being secured, justifies the faith the producers have had in the stability of the coke trade and is proof of their discernment as to the course market events.

There is, therefore, every prospect that a season of steady operation, with a tendency to continued enlargement of output, is opening up and that a measure of prosperity will come to the region in 1923 which will compensate in part for the lean year of 1922 and the strike-troubled year of 1921.

Bootleggers Pikers

Blared in Philadelphia Inquirer.

Rum-running is now said to be a profitable business. It cannot touch the profits in slave-running.

When importation of slaves had been outlawed prior to the war, running the blockade was a highly profitable enterprise.

To get a negro in Africa cost about $10. Landed in Havana, then the great slave market, he was worth $850.

One cargo of 470 slaves was sold in Trinidad for $570 each. Some ships made a profit of $300,000 on one trip.

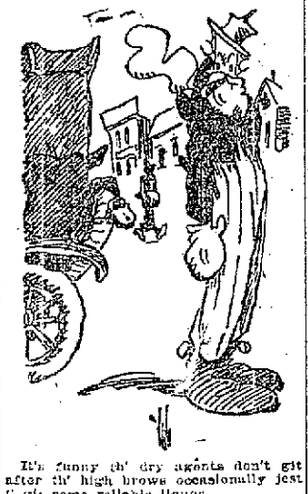
A British official report said that in the year 1835 there were sent from Africa 135,000 slaves. In 1839 more than 45,000 landed in Cuba.

Your last bootlegger can scarcely match these profits.

That Connellsville contributed in no small way to the success of the Catskill water supply system, the biggest conservation job of ancient or modern times, shows the diversity of our industries, the efficiency with which they are applied to large as well as small undertakings.

Representative Powers' proposal to petition Congress to permit the manufacture of light wines and beer will doubtless bring to him the distinction of being a sower of discord in the Legislature.

Abe Martin



It's funny th' dry agents don't git after th' high brows occasionally jest t' git some reliable liquor.

We kin remember when all th' women that smoked an' painted had t' live in one corner o' th' town.

Only 300,000,000 people lost all they had earned tryin' t' double their money in 1922.

It seems like th' folks that's got th' most knowledge habit got nothin' else.

Madame Nuuratgia, th' palmist, stopped at th' New Palace hotel, told Fawn Lippincott she'd marry a dark, romantic lookin' feller an' be very happy for several days.

"Wait till I 'phone my wife t' tell her where my car kin be found," said Lafe Bud t' day, when Ike Lark offered him a drink.

It's too bad lots o' grownups haint got anybuddy around t' nudge 'em an' ask, "Now, what do you say?" like little children have.

Th' trouble with moral films is that they show too much cigarette smokin' an' huggin' an' sloppin' before th' moral shows up.

We have a hunch Bryan would like to see our presidents appointed.

What if women had t' pay as they go?

Constable Flum raided th' New Palace hotel last night an' confiscated a roller towel (complete), a slot machine, an' three cases o' lemon extract.

Artie Small has a notion t' quit workin' as he's gittin' t' look so shabby.

Not a stone in Mill Run and vicinity, but in every section where the late W. S. Colborn was known, will there be sincere and lasting regret that he has been called hence while still in the prime and vigor of manhood and usefulness. He leaves behind him the stimulating and helpful example of a man who gave first place to the worthwhile things in life and served his home community, his church and the public with a fidelity which can come only from a conscientious regard of one's obligations as a Christian citizen.

With the West Penn System radiating out in all directions and apparently without limit as to distances traversed, Connellsville is gaining new prestige as The Center of many things that help to keep the wheels of the country's business and industry turning.

That message of President Harding asking consent of the Senate for the United States to take membership in the Permanent Court of International Justice no doubt produced some of the earth tremors felt in Washington on Saturday.

Are we losing our patriotism? Allowing the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington to pass without any public recognition, or effort to celebrate them befittingly, gives pertinence to the inquiry and shames us as well.

They [illegible] bright school children down in Washington, N. C., proof of which is given by the interest aroused in a study of the Capital of Cokedom by the fourth grade classes in geography. How much do our own fourth graders know about Wilmington?

The churches are all equipped with good heating plants so you need have no fear of being uncomfortable during services tomorrow unless, of course, your pastor comes too close home in the application of the truths of his sermon.

No doubt all patrons of the West Penn wish they could be school children again just for five days in the week in order to enjoy the long-forgotten sensation of riding at a low rate of fare.

Doing better than doubling 1921's production in 1922 is pretty good evidence of the ability of the Ninth Bituminous District to "come back" to even better than the pre-war record.

West Virginia is entirely welcome to all the Black Handers who are either temporarily or permanently making Fayette county the place of their abode.

The completion of the detour around the mine fire will enable the City of Connellsville to resume its good and injections as a suburb of Pop(u)lar Grove.

Increase in production was the order in all the bituminous inspection districts last year, notwithstanding the increase of troubles attending operation.

For the first three weeks of his reign the Ground Hog has done even better than his professional competitor in giving us seasonable weather.

The much-promised "next exposure" of police deliquencies seems to have taken up its residence in the habitat of the "Missing 43."

A Prudent Distinction.

Anthony, Kan., Republican.

Climate is what a man boasts about to residents of some other state, and weather is what he cusses about when he is at home.

Serious Oversight.

Kansas City Times.

"The only instrument overlooked in the jazz orchestra seems to be the motorcycle," groans the Linn County [illegible]

THE SITUATION AT THE STATE CAPITAL.

There has been considerable misunderstanding in the public mind, due mainly to a plain misstatement of facts by a certain class of newspapers, as to the attitude of the Legislature toward Governor Pinchot's budget program and his administration generally. It is true that there has not been that point of contact between the Legislature and the new chief executive necessary to a mutually sympathetic understanding, but there has not been lacking efforts and developments tending to clear the atmosphere.

What is the precise situation is best known to the members of the Legislature and of that body no one is better qualified than Representative Thomas M. Whiteman, editor of the Latrobe Bulletin, to write informingly, as he does in a recent issue of his paper as follows:

"There undoubtedly had been a marking of time, at Harrisburg, during the first month of the administration as well as the development of considerable ill-feeling, by reason of the apparent absence of any points of contact between the two branches of the government. No one, apparently, on the legislative side, was in the confidence of the executive side. There was no medium, through which to arrive at an understanding, or to ameliorate differences of opinion. There was no pulling together,—but in opposite directions.

"For the time being, at least, this condition has been clarified, to a certain extent, at least, through a frank interchange of views and suggestions, respecting the very complicated, if not serious situation confronting the state, from a financial standpoint.

"The situation is complicated, by reason of the most extensive program of progress inaugurated during the former administration, especially as to education and highways, with anticipated revenues proving insufficient to finance the program in a pay-as-you-go manner.

"Now, if the executive were to hold, immovably, to one plan of dealing with the situation, and the legislative branch were to be just as arbitrary, respecting another plan, it is to be seen how easy it would be for the state government to get nowhere, in the solution of its problems.

"Fortunately, however, the executive branch of the government has manifested a willingness to entertain suggestions, as well as to elaborate upon its own plan, for dealing with the situation;—and, fortunately, also, the Legislature is composed in large measure, of individuals who are not seeking a fight for mere fighting's sake, but on the other hand, are seeking to find the best way of dealing with the existing problem.

"There are contending forces; there are items of political expediency; there are foes that feel as though they are in danger of being trampled upon; but over and above these elements making for discord, there is evident a great desire to bring about a concord of opinion, as between the two branches of the government, respecting what is the best thing to be done, covering the immediate future of the commonwealth and the good of the Republican party."

The foregoing statements ought to do much to make it plain that the Republican members of the Legislature realize that the present is a Republican administration, and that the duty of everybody in both the executive and legislative branches is to come to an understanding as to "what is best to be done," both for the future of the commonwealth and the good of the party to which the people, in outmost confidence, have committed the administration of public affairs.

BAD BUSINESS AND BAD MORALS.

It is entirely proper that boards of education, teachers and friends of public education throughout the state should make vigorous protest against the plan before the Legislature to divert the appropriation of the teachers' retirement fund for the next two years to the building of the Delaware river bridge to connect Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

This fund is a sacred trust which the Legislature has no warrant of right or justice to touch. Its creation constitutes a contract with the teachers of the state who are making their own contributions to it in accordance with the terms of that contract. Just as well might an insurance company which carries a policy on the life of a teacher give notice that for two years there would be no additions made to the fund for the payment of the policy at maturity, as for the state of Pennsylvania to divert the teachers' retirement fund to other purposes.

The construction of the Delaware bridge would no doubt be a great public convenience; so would similar improvements elsewhere in the state, but the need is not so urgent that the plan proposed in the Legislature should be resorted to. Better far will it be to defer the construction of this bridge for two years, or for 10 for that matter, rather than to break faith on the contract with the teachers.

The Legislature of Pennsylvania cannot afford to pursue a course which is both bad business and bad morals.

Joy and Jazz

Harrisburg Telegraph.

Joy and Jazz sit facing each other over the table. It is a February day. Joy is living her life richly, Jazz is living her life wastefully.

Joy remarks upon the beauty of the day, and sees in the winter glory a hint of the Creator.

Jazz tries to voice her appreciation, but all that comes forth from painted lips is a rattle of words well sprinkled with "wonderfuls." More adjectives than necessary, and most of them used regardless of their value.

Joy radiates a serenity that makes others look her way and sigh in their souls for the peace that seems to be hers.

Jazz merely radiates the superficial. Her gown and hat are the latest freakish mode. Hysteria possesses her and exhibits its mastery in giggles, restless eyes and inane talk with no respect for language. She uses "lovely" six times in three sentences. Imagine Jazz trying to describe a sunset!

Jazz is not only extravagant of words, but of emotions. She whips them into frenzy. The books, the plays, the movies that interest her, all lash the jaded steed.

If Jazz goes on this way, what will she be like and what will the world be like when she has burned herself out in early life?

Joy endures and lights the pathway all through the years, adding beauty to beauty as the days shorten and life's shadows close.

Joy and Jazz sit facing one another over the table of the present generation.

Don't Be a Camel

Harrisburg Telegraph.

Tennyson infers in one of his poems that there is in man a little of every animal under the sun. Pessimists claim that they can detect the tiger, the snake, the pig and other lowly creatures in their fellowmen.

Maybe this is why nobody loves a camel, although the camel is said to be the best and oldest friend of man. There is a little of the camel in us, too.

It appears that the camel is the grumbler among beasts. These worthy and useful animals, the oldest beasts of burden known to man, can do nothing cheerfully.

They must needs grumble and grunt and moan, and protest at everything. If you burden them, they complain. When you lift the burden they complain. They grumble as they lie down to rest, and grumble when they get up again. They moan at the beginning of the day and moan when the day's work is ended.

The camel is a fine worker, but not a willing one. His sole method of expression is to protest at everything, good or bad.

If it is necessary to point the moral, we shall say simply that there are bipeds with the soul of a camel.

These people do the day's work, and deliver the goods. Yet they make themselves unmitigated nuisances because they cannot cease from grumbling. It isn't that they cannot work, nor will not work. But they are not able to work with good grace. Like the camel, they have been endowed with every happy quality save one.

They've simply got to grumble to be happy!

Lack of Discipline In the Home

Philadelphia Inquirer.

Raiding a resort in Greenwich Village on a charge of illicit drinking and improper dancing, the New York police found 11 high school girls. They were taken to the station house and their parents were notified. Fathers and mothers came hurrying to rescue them, greatly surprised to find into what company their offspring had fallen. In other words, these young girls had been spending their evenings away from home and no questions asked.

This is an illuminating example of the deplorable carelessness of too many parents in these days. Relaxing all salutary discipline, they gave their children a freedom, or rather a license, certain to lead them into difficulties and dangers. If there is a growing moral laxness among American youth it is due in no small part to the growing laxness of the American home. Perhaps these parents have learned their lesson. Would that others might before it is too late.

The Church and the Radio

Philadelphia Ledger.

Certain Philadelphia pastors are a little concerned lest with the increasing popularity of radio their congregations may dwindle as more and more persons permit themselves to drift into the lazier, easier habit of hearing the sermons in their own homes, instead of taking the trouble to go to church.

But the greater good of the greater number will certainly offset this disadvantage. By means of the radio, many shut-ins at a long range from pastors and pulpit will enjoy the privilege of being members of a vast invisible congregation. Many who do not customarily go to church will perhaps at first endure and then embrace the idea of sermons and church services. Recently a prominent clergyman came to Philadelphia from another city and preached most acceptably. He received a letter a few days later from a man in Pittsburg who had heard him over the radio. The writer said:

"At first I was bored. As I continued to listen I was fascinated. I heard you through to the end, and now I want to hear you again and mean to seek the earliest opportunity of doing so."

That experience was not exceptional but typical. It was simply an indication of the way the radio indicates a good habit insidiously and helps it to grow. Church congregations will be increased, not diminished, by the rapid spread of broadcasting.

Carelessness of Missouri Bandits.

Anthony, Kan., Republican.

The robbers in Kansas City are getting rather careless. Hezekiah Dinwiddie tells of being held up and relieved of his watch and purse. The thief then compelled Hezekiah to exchange overcoats with him. On putting his hand in the pocket of the overcoat given him by the footpad Hezekiah says he found his own watch and purse and some one else's watch and purse. He says he pawned one of the watches, bought himself a new overcoat and came home $162 to the good.

Lookin Backw

News of the F[illegible] condensed from t[illegible] of The Courier

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

Squire Campbell, who several weeks ago, is abl again.

A. H. Quillan, Baltimo trainman, has his hand c working in the yard.

Frank Faney, a Smithon has both legs crushed by a He is brought here where tives.

John Barron leaves for gia where he will spend se on account of his health. Johnston, a relative accon

The 600 ovens at the Star near Mount Pleasant, are

James Cochran has e work this week locating 20 on Dickerson Run, Dunbar

H. C. Frick offers A. Sh farm adjoins the Valley 000 for 40 acres of his land between the Southwest Pleasant branch roads.

William Fence and M Gillman, both of Johnston ntellsville township, are m

Mrs. Oliver of Connell ship dies.

David M. Parkhill, of ne ville and Miss Sallie M. daughter of D. M. Patterso lin township, are married B. McBride at the McClel Uniontown.

Mrs. James Flynn, of ne seriously ill of dropsy.

Henry C. Graves of Lay leg broken in two place thigh when a small tree sawing down, falls on hin

Bill Lynn of Flatwoods a xa McDonald of Fairview, by Rev. W. M. Hays at P

A 10-year old son of Jol ger of Jackson mines, fe a loaded pit wagon, crush

Cyrus Sailer is badly in premature explosion of Springfield township. H quarrying limestone. The sight of one eye or perhap feared.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2,

Detailed report of the coke trade for the week ruary 25, shows a total of in the region of which 3 blast and 4,500 idle with imated production of 121,

Elliot Holbrook resigns superintendent of the Balti railroad.

The Rainbow coal mine is set on fire by a gas explo been closed up.

Marriage licenses are is lontown as follows: William of Layton station and Ma of Dawson; William M. Ki Bulskin township and Reb er of Saltlick township; Jo ham of Connellsville an Kennedy of Trotter; Olive Brownsville and Martha Preston county, W. Va.; Hamilton and Dessie Carr Layton station.

Dr. E. Phillips expects soon from Philadelphia w been for the past five wee treatment for his injured

Henry Kurtz is represen cal post of the Grand A Annual Encampment of ment of Pennsylvania of Army of the Republic at l week.

George S. Shaw, now ar man of the extensive work Indianapolis Switch and Fro Springfield, Ohio, visits hi here.

A. J. Colborn, manager Royal Supply Company here prior to going to where he is in the manager mercling Supply Company

The residence of F. A. Apple street, ignited from fire and is damaged to th $400. The house is owned zabeth Markle.

The semi-annual inspecti party D 10th Regiment is n for Frank Patterson of F specting officer of the Sec

John S. Hunt of Springfie and Nannie Eckard of Fra ship, are married.

Lou Ira, son of Mr. and White of New Haven, di 19 years old.

William Wilson, 12 years John Wilson of Breakneck, ly injured when kicked in a horse.

FRIDAY MARCH 9,

Detailed report of the coke trade for the week ruary 28, shows a total of in the region of which 2 blast and 972 idle with a to ed production of 290,885 to

J. R. Baisley is made the reorganized New Have

George Porter is electe of the town council of C Raymond Coll is made cit

Elizabeth Singer, daugh and Mrs. James J. Singer

F. A. Collins of Masont Sample of Uniontown, J. F. Miss Jane Frey both Charles Hunt of Tunnelto Mrs. Mary Monohan of Mou and John Mullen of Dunbar, ly injured when the West on the Baltimore & Ohio r into a rear end collision engine in the upper yards

Joseph Baer and Harry Mount Pleasant, are inj freight wreck on the P railroad near Scottdale. B ed into a creek and suffer juries.

Joseph Rome is killed an and M. Talaba are seriously caught in a fall in the Vic near Dawson.

Miss Crete Laing resign grapher at the office of Ch A. Barnhart of the Frick o Maggie Goshorn is her sa

Dr. J. J. Singer, Jr., has 1,000 H. C. Frick employes bers of their families with few weeks.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY

Detailed report of the C coke trade for the week ruary 22, shows a total of in the region of which 33 blast and 5,761 idle with a imated production of 441,6

Gideon H. Beaman the se telegraph operator in the se Connellsville division of the & Ohio Railroad, is fatally a rear collision on the m Keystone siding, dying in fance while on his way to State Hospital.

The home of Mr. and Rush in Witter avenue is d fire as the result of an e gas.

A. C. Overholt, resigning manager of the United S Iron Pipe and Foundry C Scottdale is presented wit loving cup by employes. M signing as assistant to Mr is given a gold watch.

H. M. Linton of Dunbar miles in six hours. He is the state walking record.

Councilman Thomas J. elected chief of the Baltim fire department here.

Company D, with the T ment Band and Hospital C for Washington where all will participate in the ina rade.

A four-year high school Dunbar township has been by the township school bo

MANY OLD SOLDIERS RECEIVE INCREASE MONTHLY PENSIONS

Those Requiring Attendant in Dressing Entitled to $72 Per Month.

MANY CLAIMS HELD UP

Because Affidavits of Disability and Supporting Statements of Physicians Have Not Been Filed; Spanish Veterans and Widows Under Act.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Through the efforts of Congressman S. A. Kendall the following residents of the 23rd Congressional District have been granted pensions and increases:

Jacob Friedline, Somerset, increase beginning February 3. Accrued pension of $260 will be paid him and an increase to $72 per month.

William J. Stewart, Point Marion, an increase in pension commencing January 28, this year.

Mrs. Mary Ansell of Uniontown, $30 per month commencing December 19, 1922. She will also receive the accrued pension due her husband at the time of his death last December.

Edward Mimmy, Harnedsville, will receive $175 back pension and an increase to $72 per month.

Daniel Mickey, Markleton, approximately $300 back pension and an increase to $72 per month.

Joseph Shultz, Rockwood, an accrued pension of $125 and an increase monthly to $72.

Israel M. Ruff, South Connellsville, approximately $350 back pension and $72 per month.

Richard Fast, Fairchance, $350 back pension and $72 per month.

James S. Darrell, Smithfield, approximately $600 back pension and $72 per month.

Bartholomew Warman, Dunbar, approximately $350 and $72 per month.

Lawrence Sipe, Somerset, was allowed original pension from June 25, 1920, at the rate of $18 per month and an accrued pension of approximately $540.

In all cases where veterans of the Civil War were granted an increase in pension from $50 to $72 per month, it was necessary to furnish proof that the pensioners required the attendance of some one constantly to assist them in dressing and undressing, and the affidavit of the physician or attendant, giving the date on which that assistance was first required.

Many pension cases are pigeonholed in the Pension Bureau because of lack of proper affidavits. Mr. Kendall will be pleased to help any veteran of the Civil War obtain his increase if entitled to it under the Act of May 1, 1920; also all widows of such veterans and all Spanish-American veterans and their widows, if they will write to him at the House of Representatives, Washington.

All disabled ex-service men of the World War are entitled to hospitalization and compensation until their health is restored or until they are rehabilitated. Any ex-service man in Somerset or Fayette county who desires to have his claim considered by the chief of the medical department of the Veterans Bureau, should communicate with Mr. Kendall. He will give it his personal attention and have the claim considered promptly.

J. C. Blaney Head Of Wool Growers Of Fayette County

J. C. Blaney of Smock was named president of the Fayette County Wool Growers Association at the annual banquet served Saturday evening in Uniontown. Mr. Blaney, together with W. L. Wood of Fayette City, vice-president, and Fred Diedrich of Fayette City, secretary and treasurer, were elected at the business meeting after which a program was presented.

In accordance with a plan instituted last year, Iden Vail and J. C. Blaney were named by the association as a sales committee to sell the wool produced in the county during 1923. A similar committee in 1922 sold 40,000 pounds of wool for approximately $18,000. It is expected that with the success attained in 1922, there will be an even larger pooling this year.

The association named W. L. Wood as its representative to attend the agricultural conference called by Governor Pinchot. This conference will open in Harrisburg Tuesday morning and will continue through Wednesday afternoon.

L. F. Engle, farm agent of Greene county; E. H. Fulton, Washington county agent, and C. L. Rumberger, Fayette county agent, were the speakers.

Former Local Man One of Few Selling Electrical Power

HARRISBURG, Feb. 20.—An unusual paper has been filed with the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission by Harley O. Carpenter who conducts an electric plant under his own name in Crawford county and who seeks to advance rates. He is one of the few individuals in the State selling power.

Mr. Carpenter was formerly a resident of Connellsville where he spent several years associated in business with his brothers, H. L. and O. R. Carpenter. About 15 years ago he returned to Crawford, his native county, and established himself in the electrical business which has since assumed large proportions, including the ownership of an electric light and power generating and distributing plant.

FAYETTE COUNTY'S PRODUCTS FOR 1921 WORTH $72,675,000

HARRISBURG, Feb. 19.—Fayette county industrial plants in 1921 turned out products valued at $72,675,000, according to a compilation in the offices of James F. Woodward, secretary of internal affairs of Pennsylvania. In the industries there were employed 32,988 persons, to whom wages aggregating $34,279,300 were paid.

In Westmoreland county the value of manufactured products was $177,494,000 and the 50,707 persons employed were paid wages aggregating $59,881,900.

For Somerset county the report shows the value of products to have been $28,089,000; the number of persons employed, 14,240 and the wages $16,352,500.

For Greene county the figures are: Value of products $8,989,000; number of employes, 3,055; wages, $3,810,600.

Pennsylvania's productive industrial plants numbering 25,426 in 1921 turned out products having a value of $6,121,875,000, according to Secretary Woodward. The compilations show that of the total value, Products worth $3,029,909,500, or practically one-half of the total, were shipped to points outside of Pennsylvania.

G. FRED RIEMAN PRESIDENT OF ROTARY CLUB

Organization Completed at Meeting Wednesday Night in Pritchard's Hall.

TO MEET EVERY TUESDAY

The organization of a Rotary Club in Connellsville was completed Wednesday at a meeting of charter members in Pritchard's Hall, where dinner was served. The charter list included 25 classifications, only one of each being eligible for membership in a Rotary Club.

In addition to the local men present there were 30 from Uniontown, Greensburg and Scottdale here to give a helping hand in getting the movement on foot. Rotarian principles were outlined by Howard King of Uniontown, who was followed by William J. Walker of Greensburg, a Rotarian for 14 years. Another Uniontown Rotarian, Earl Chamberlain, led in the singing.

G. Fred Rieman, president of the Capstan Glass Company, was elected president of the organization. Officers elected will serve until May 1.

The members of the board of directors includes G. Fred Rieman, Dr. J. L. Cochran, R. W. Brown, W. H. Soisson, W. G. Davis, J. R. Davidson and Charles B. Franks. The officers besides Mr. Rieman are: Dr. J. L. Cochran, vice-president; J. R. Davidson, treasurer, and W. G. Davis, secretary.

Meetings of the club will be held at noon on Tuesday of each week. The annual meeting will be held the first Tuesday in April. Committees are to be named by President Rieman.

Visiting Rotarians were: William J. Walker, Max A. Woodruff, Charles M. Henry, J. H. Offett and William Snite, Greensburg; Charles L. Miller, G. Frank Kelly, Walter Glasgow, Harry J. Springer, James Campbell, James Hurst, Thos. H. Rutherford, Dr. John H. Marvin, Dr. W. H. Fetter, Joseph Weisel, Harry Parker, Walter F. Stauffer, H. B. Hartman and Walter Goshorn, Scottdale; Howard King, Earl Chamberlain, Dr. Leslie Brownfield, James Binns, Harry Whyel, Thomas H. Hudson, S. W. Metzler, Dr. Roy Marsh, William Nixon and Frank Newhall, Uniontown.

Dawson Boy Serving With U. S. Marines In Santo Domingo

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Among the United States Marines who were recently assigned to duty in the West Indies is Harry Evans King, son of Mrs. Katherine King of Dawson, Fayette county, Pa., who is now on duty in Santo Domingo. He will remain in that republic for an indefinite period, as the Marines will not be withdrawn from that country until a permanent government is established.

King joined the Marines at Uniontown, October 24, 1922. For several months he was stationed at Parris Island, S. C. Later he embarked on a naval vessel for service in the West Indies, and he is now with the Second Brigade of Marines which makes its headquarters in the Dominican capital.

FLORIDA NEWSPAPER LAUDS DR. COLBORN

The Fort Lauderdale Sentinel, published at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where Dr. A. J. Colborn of Connellsville goes each winter for several months, has the following to say of him in an issue this week, a copy of which has been received by The Courier:

"Dr. A. J. Colborn who has just arrived, is a fine type of manhood. He has been a great success in his professional work, and finds himself now in the afternoon of life able to enjoy fully his time. Such men are worth much to the world, and it gives us much pleasure to see him here each season, where he has many friends and admirers. We hope to see him come to stay later."

Prittstown Fire Under Control

PRITTSTOWN, Feb. 22.—The mine fire which threatened the brick road here for several months is well under control, it is said.

TWO PRINCIPALS IN MEYERSDALE KILLING FREED

Binding Instructions in Case of James Cox Given Today by Court.

KILLING NOT EVEN PROVEN

SOMERSET, Feb. 22.—Under binding instructions from Judge Berkey the jury today acquitted James Cox, charged with the murder of Clyde Hook at the Meyersdale fair grounds last November. The prosecution ordered only two witnesses, a surveyor and Mrs. Marie Albright, who was acquitted on similar instructions yesterday.

The reported confession of Mrs. Albright, which the State endeavored to introduce yesterday, was ruled out also today, the court sustaining every objection of the defense as to what happened after she and Hook reached the fair grounds on the pretext he had information pertaining to her divorce action.

Judge Berkey, moreover, stressed the point that the prosecution had failed to establish that any person had been killed.

SOMERSET, Feb. 22.—Mrs. Marie Albright, of Meyersdale was acquitted yesterday afternoon of a murder charge in connection with the death of Clyde Hook, who was found slain at the Meyersdale fair grounds November 17, last. The verdict was returned upon instruction of Judge John A. Berkey after the Commonwealth had completed its case and before the defense had started. She was recommitted to the county jail as a material witness in the case against James Cox with whom she was charged jointly with the murder.

Mrs. Albright admitted she killed Hook, the authorities said, but based her defense on the "unwritten law," asserting that Hook lured her to the fair ground on the pretext of giving her evidence which would assist her in the divorce trial pending against her husband, and then attacked her.

Witnesses for the Commonwealth testified that there were imprints of two men and a woman in the snow near where the body was found.

It has been many years since a murder trial of such general interest has taken place here. None of the principals in the case is of more than average prominence, but the outcome was awaited with unusual anxiety because of Mrs. Albright's youth and the fact that the defense was built upon the "unwritten law."

The woman, who was seeking a divorce from her husband, asserted that she killed Hook in self-defense, after he had lured her to the fair grounds. She says he accosted her on the evening of the murder and informed her that he had information of value to her divorce trial and would impart it to her if she cared to hear it. They walked in the direction of the fair grounds, Mrs. Albright asserted and upon reaching there she alleged Hook attacked her. She fought until she was nearly exhausted, she says, and then pulled a revolver from her purse and shot him.

After the finding of Hook's body, Mrs. Albright and Cox were seen leaving a motion picture theatre together.

The jury selected to try Cox for the same crime is as follows: Dr. J. H. Colflesh, W. H. Thorp, C. R. Ankeny, A. B. Fritz, Walter G. Hay, J. S. Glessner, J. W. Mosholder, W. B. Gilbert, Harvey Mensner, Frank Rhoades, Henry Bittner and J. M. Custer.

OLIVER SPROUL IS CALLED BY DEATH; FOUGHT IN SIXTIES

Oliver Sproul, 82 years old, a Civil War Veteran, died at 9 o'clock Wednesday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. A. Christy, in East Green street, where he was spending the winter. Death resulted from a stroke of apoplexy, suffered about the same time Tuesday night.

Mr. Sproul, who had been a resident of Ohiopyle most of his life, came here three weeks ago. He had been a farmer, owning between 700 and 800 acres in Stewart township. He was a widower. His wife died last September.

During the Civil War Mr. Sproul served three years and 11 months. When discharged he was a first lieutenant. He had been promoted to a captaincy but his commission had not been received when the war ended. He enlisted on August 21, 1861, in Company K, 85th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and after serving that enlistment enrolled in Company H, 190th Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was honorably discharged at Richmond in June, 1865. He participated in many of the major engagements and was twice wounded.

During the existence of a G. A. R. at Ohiopyle a number of years ago he was a member, when that organization ceased to exist he did not transfer his membership to any other.

Mr. Sproul was married to Miss Matilda Morris and to this union five children were born. Two sons and a daughter, Grant, James and Hallie are deceased, and two daughters survive. They are Mrs. Christy and Mrs. H. G. Potter of Lander, Wyo. Mrs. Potter had been at her father's home since last September, the time of the death of her mother, but returned three weeks ago, about the time her father came to the Christy home. Three brothers, Robert, William and Andrew, survive in addition to the following sisters: Mrs. R. S. McCrum of Uniontown, Mrs. W. H. Clister of Markleysburg, Mrs. Margaret Clark of New Jersey, Mrs. Lydia Worthington of Leisenring and Mrs. Sanford MacBurney of Vanderbilt. Seven grandchildren also survive.

"WATER IN YOUR GASOLINE FROZE," DEALER ADMITS

Frozen gasoline lines are giving motorists a new worry these cold days, reflecting the quality of motor fuel which is being furnished. A young man left his machine out in the cold the other night as he paid a social call. On starting home his machine refused to work. He tried the usual persuasive methods which are generally efficacious, but without avail.

Being fortunately able to coast to a nearby garage, he left the car for an inspection. The next morning he inquired as to the trouble.

"Water in your gasoline froze and stopped the feed line," was the cheerful information vouchsafed.

Happy Surprise For Rev. Rich at Pennsville Church

"Flowers for the living" was exemplified in an unusual manner Thursday evening at the Pennsville Baptist Church when members of the church presented Rev. C. C. Rich of Scottdale, who will leave March 1 for Warren, Ohio, with a basket of roses and carnations and a purse. The occasion was that of his farewell sermon, at the Pennsville church. At the conclusion of his address, announcement was made that Miss Grace Kough would sing a solo. She sang "Give the Flowers to the Living." As she ceased singing Erna Henkel marched to the platform with the flowers, while little Eva Belle Richey carried the purse.

Thanking the donors, Rev. Rich said he had preached in many places but that no surprise that had been tendered him was more touching than this.

CHARLES P. MEYERS DIES SUDDENLY AT MEYERSDALE

MEYERSDALE, Feb. 20. — The community at large was shocked on Monday morning when the news was spread that Charles P. Meyers who had been complaining for about two weeks but whose condition was not thought serious had died. He arose and was dressing when he was stricken.

Mr. Meyers was the oldest son of the late Dr. W. H. Meyers and a grandson of Charles Peter Meyers after whom the town was named. He is survived by his widow and the following children: Mrs. Florence West and Miss Hester Meyers, at home; Mrs. Edward Billings, Racine, Wis., and Berkley Meyers, Ford City. He is also survived by the following brothers and sisters: William Meyers, Charleston, W. Va.; John S. Meyers, Meyersdale; Mrs. Samuel Walker, Hatfield, Ga., and Mrs. Wm Jones, Charleston W. Va.

Mr. Meyers was a member of the Episcopal Church. He was an employe of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, serving as engineer on the Salisbury branch.

2,000 MEMBERS GOAL FOR COKE REGION DIVISION

Names of those on the membership committee of the Coke Region Division, West Penn Section, N. E. L. A., was announced Thursday by P. T. Kamarer, chairman of the Coke Region Division. The committee includes William Alt, chairman; H. W. MacRobbie, William Thomas, W. H. Moorman, R. W. Eicher, H. E. Kosser, Guy H. Hall, A. T. Kemp, O. W. Anderson, Ruth Nemon, Stella Baker, N. E. Woolman, James Connell and Ralph Pickett, all of Connellsville; I. G. Weightman, Irwin; A. J. Davis and C. W. Michaels, Greensburg; H. E. Gregory, Latrobe; E. B. Glazier, Scottdale; Robert Fram, William F. Long, O. Swartz and Ora B. Davidson, Uniontown; E. D. Weightman, Brownsville; E. D. Miller, Greensburg.

It is the hope of Harry Rastolski, chairman of the West Penn Section, to have 2,000 members enrolled before his term expires.

On the program committee for 1923 are C. C. Gallagher, S. J. Witt, Irwin Shaffer, Miss Louise J. Painter and Miss Nora Smith.

7,898 Dairy Cows In County in 1922

Fayette county farmers and dairymen owned 7,898 of the 862,467 dairy cows in the State in 1922, says an announcement by the bureau of statistics of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. The average value was $53.75 and the aggregate value $426,508.50.

In Westmoreland county there were 17,046 cows and in Somerset county 12,835.

Ray McClintock to Study in New York

Ray McClintock of Connellsville, who has been director of the choir of the Presbyterian Church at Scottdale, has resigned and will go to New York to pursue the study of music. He is one of the leading tenors of the city and community.

J. E. Sims Owner of Lantern Century Old

Funeral Director J. E. Sims is in possession of an old time lantern, which has been owned by the Swink family near the Mount Olive Church for 100 years.

The lantern was a gift to Mr. Sims from the Swinks.

W. S. COLBORN, MILL RUN MERCHANT, DIES PNEUMONIA VICTIM

Taken Ill Sunday With Cold, End Came Today at 11 O'clock at Home.

ACTIVE IN HIS COMMUNITY

Was in Mercantile Business for 35 Years, Prominent in Church Work, Served on Draft Board During War, Head of Farmington Road Body.

Walter S. Colborn, Mill Run merchant and one of the leading citizens of Springfield township, died of pneumonia on Saturday at 11 o'clock at his home. He was stricken Sunday with a cold and the fatal disease developed Monday. He was in his usual health on retiring Saturday night.

Walter Scott Colborn was 51 years old last October 6. He was born in 1861 near Confluence in Somerset county, a son of David L. and Julia Dull Colborn. On the death of his father in 1868 the family moved to Mill Run, the home of the mother, where he had since resided.

For about 35 years he had been engaged in the mercantile business. He married Miss Sarah Kern, daughter of George Kern and sister of W. W. Kern of Connellsville. His wife survives, also three sons and two daughters, namely, David L. Colborn, Pittsburg; Mrs. Eva Shearer, wife of Lindley Shearer, Glassport; E. Sturgis Colborn, George D. Colborn and Miss Fern Colborn, at home. Miss Fern is a member of the senior class of the Connellsville High School.

There survive also three brothers, Rev. L. S. Colborn of Columbus Ohio; Alderman Willis D. Colborn and Dr. A. J. Colborn, both of Connellsville. Dr. Colborn is now in Florida.

Mr. Colborn was a member of the Indian Creek Baptist Church at Mill Run. At the time of his death he was a deacon in the church and superintendent of the Sunday school, a position he had held for many years. He also had been prominently identified with the work of the Fayette County Sunday School Association.

During the World War Mr. Colborn served with C. B. Franks and Dr. J. H. Hazlett on the draft board for District No. 5, which embraced a number of townships near Connellsville.

When the movement for an improved road from Connellsville to Farmington, by way of Normalville and Mill Run, was launched Mr. Colborn became a leader. He lived to see three miles of the stretch on the Connellsville end practically completed and was in the thick of the fight to secure extension of the work by the State Highway Department, being at the head of the Connellsville-to-Farmington Good Roads League.

Two Drown When Steamer Strikes Boat With Four

Two persons were drowned and two others are suffering from shock as the result of being precipitated into the icy waters of the Monongahela River at Newell Saturday when the boat in which they were crossing from Elco to Newell was run down by a steamer.

The Dead:

Elizabeth Sichina, 18, of Elco, stenographer at the Y. M. C. A. at Newell; body recovered.

Oscar Haines, 21, employed in Pittsburg & Lake Erie shops at Newell.

Edgar Murphy, 23, of Roscoe, and Anna Gomboski of Elco, were thrown into the water.

The river was overhung with a heavy fog. In endeavoring to avoid the steamer Juniata the boat was struck by the Edgar Thompson.

The accident happened at 8 o'clock.

SCHWERHA FOUND GUILTY

Undertaker Whose Car Killed Girl Drunk, Jury at Greensburg Decides.

GREENSBURG, Feb. 22.—Adam M. Schwerha, McKeesport undertaker, who ran his automobile into a company of Irwin school teachers, west of Irwin, the evening of April 19, 1920, with the result that Miss Margaret McGrath was killed and Miss Nellie Sullivan and Miss Alma Seaton were injured, was found guilty of driving a car while intoxicated in a sealed verdict read at the opening of court today.

The verdict was reached last evening at 8 o'clock after the jury had been out three hours.

Harry J. Burkey Now In Philadelphia

Harry J. Burkey, well known in the coke region through his connection with the coal and coke industry, and formerly vice-president and treasurer of the Kensington Coal Company, Pittsburg, has been placed in charge of the Eastern Fuel Company's office at 215 South Broad street, Philadelphia.

Fan House Burns At Diamond Plant

The fan house of the Diamond Coal & Coke Company at West Brownsville, was burned Friday.

Three hundred men were thrown out of work.

Jumps Under Moving Engine.

GREENSBURG, Feb. 17.—In full view of a number of persons at the Pennsylvania railroad station here today John Luffey threw himself to death under a locomotive.

WEBSTER SOCIETY WINS CONTEST IN EAST HUNTINGDON

Special to The Courier.

SCOTTDALE, Feb. 24.—The Webster Literary Society of the East Huntingdon Township High School won the 12th annual contest between that society and the Sumner society of the same school here last night before an audience that filled the Scottdale Theatre. The Websters carried off the honors in the essay, the readings and the debate, the Sumners winning the oration.

The winners were: Oration, Maude Ramsay, Sumner; essay, Katharine Christy, Webster; reading, Lillian Koch, Webster; debate, Alma Mosch and Ada Vance, Webster, on the affirmative side of the question as to whether the United States shall become a member of the League of Nations.

The Websters, who won a year ago, have taken seven of the 12 contests.

The judges were O. P. Ballantine, Rev. Judson Jeffreys and Lloyd F. Rumbaugh.

Each of the winners will receive $10 in gold from the Scottdale Trust Company.

M. M. Cochran Gives Bethany $300,000 Check

Total Gifts to West Virginia College Now Have Reached Million.

BETHANY, W. Va., Feb. 20.—Dr. Cloyd Goodnight, president of Bethany College, on his return last night from Pittsburg announced that at his conference there with M. M. Cochran, Uniontown, coal operator, the latter presented him with a check for $300,000, his contribution to the college's present campaign for a $600,000 addition to its endowment fund.

The college must raise $100,000 in addition to Mr. Cochran's $300,000, upon the attainment of which the Rockefeller General Education Board, of New York, will add $200,000, thus reaching the goal of $600,000. In the last four years, Mr. Cochran has given Bethany a million dollars.

The total of the college endowment is now $1,4000,000 not including the $300,000 about to be added.

M. P. Kane Leaves Estate of $3,500

GREENSBURG, Feb. 24.—Letters of administration on the estate of Michael P. Kane, late of Scottdale, were granted yesterday to Clara M. Kane. The estate is valued at $3,500.

The will of Sarah C. Obley, late of West Newton, was probated Friday. The estate is valued at $5,000. Sylvia E. Colbany, Madge A. Obley and Omer L. Obley are the executors of the will and the legatees of the estate.

CARS SERVING AS OFFICES FOR B. & O. AT POINT MARION

With a combination coach serving as ticket office, telegraph office and waiting room; with a box car as a warehouse and with temporary business quarters in an office of the Connellsville Big Vein Coal Company in the Devlin Building, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company has resumed business at Point Marion where its quarters were destroyed by fire last week. About all the debris has been removed from the old site. What the plans of the company for rebuilding are has not been announced.

BAXTERS SHARE IN DIVISION OF 12 MILLION ESTATE

Huge Estate, Left by Bachelor Uncle and Maiden Aunt Who Die in Pittsburg.

SIX FAMILIES TO GET IT

Funds Invested in Railroad and Street Railway Stocks, Oil and Real Estate; Settlement Now Under Way in Courts of Allegheny County.

Thomas W. Baxter, proprietor of the American Restaurant and pool room in South Pittsburg street, together with his brothers and sisters, two of the former also being local residents, will participate in the distribution of a $12,000,000 estate left by an uncle and an aunt of his father, Robert and Mary Baxter, both of Pittsburg, who died recently. There being no will the estate is now in Orphans' Court.

Others of the local family who will share in the estate are Frank H. Baxter, Robert W. Baxter of Connellsville and Mrs. Carrie Richards of Somerset and Charles Baxter of Republic.

Mr. Baxter would make no estimate of the amount of money he may receive as his share. He said the attorneys refused to advance any figure as the possible amount but it is estimated it will be several hundred thousand dollars. He could not say just how many individuals will receive a portion but it will be divided among members of six families.

The estate is composed of stocks in railroads, street railway lines, oil and real estate. A block of 90 houses in Allegheny county is included. In one bank in Pittsburg there is $80,000 in cash.

The deaths of Robert Baxter and his sister occurred within a few hours of each other. He died on Sunday, four weeks ago, and Miss Baxter died the following morning. They lived together.

The Union Trust Company and the Dollar Savings Bank, both of Pittsburg, are administrators. Thomas W. Baxter was called to Pittsburg yesterday when the case first came before the Orphans' court and news of his inheritance leaked out today.

"Tom," as he is known to many in the city, opened the American Restaurant in South Pittsburg street several months ago. The building was purchased more than a year ago, William A. Furlong being associated in the deal.

Dead Son's Insurance Being Wasted, Claim

SOMERSET, Feb. 24.—Attorney P. G. Cober of Somerset, has been appointed commissioner by the court to take testimony in order to determine the ability of William Claycomb of South Somerset to look after his business affairs.

A petition has been presented to Judge John A. Berkey, asking for the appointment of a commissioner, it being alleged that Claycomb had become a habitual drunkard and that he had been dissipating the $57.10 a month which he receives as a pension from the government, which is payment of insurance carried by his son, Robert Claycomb, who was killed in action in the World War.

Addition to Summit Hotel.

A 50-room addition to the Summit Hotel has been decided upon, plans being completed and work to start about March 15, according to announcement in Uniontown.

Bar Banquet Feb. 24.

The annual banquet of the Fayette County Bar Association will be held February 24 at the Uniontown Country Club.

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MRS. A. R. BOYER DIES OF PNEUMONIA AFTER SERIOUS OPERATION

Mrs. Maude Sims Boyer, wife of Arthur R. Boyer of this city, died at 7:45 o'clock Saturday evening at the West Penn Hospital, Pittsburg. Death was caused by pneumonia which set in following an operation on Friday. Mrs. Boyer was very well known in this city, having resided here about 12 years. She was prominently identified with activities of the First Baptist Church and for a number of years sang in the choir there. She was also assistant teacher of the Philathea Class. Mr. Boyer is a salesman for the Munson-McGilvra Heater & Foundry Company. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Boyer is survived by her mother, Mrs Emma Sims, of Pittsburg.

Grim Reaper

JESSE BURNWORTH.

CONFLUENCE, Feb. 26.—Jesse Burnworth, 86 years old, formerly of Stewart township, died here Sunday, after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Burnworth lived formerly on a farm at Maple Summit. Seven years ago he disposed of the farm and moved to Confluence. He was regarded as one of the "grand old men" of the community. He was twice married. Four of the six children born to the first union and three of the five to the second union survive. His second wife also is living, together with 62 grandchildren and 82 great-grandchildren. Among the children are Enoch Burnworth of Perryopolis, Liston Burnworth of Fairmont, W. Va., and Mrs. E. S. Thomas of Everson.

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JOHN T. LAMPERTI.

Mrs. Louis Costa of Dickerson Run has received word of the death of her nephew, John T. Lamperti of Plainfield, N. J. The message said he had contracted pleuro-pneumonia and died on February 17. He was a noted sculptor, and had opened a monumental shop at that place.

Mr. Lamperti was a native of Roumania, coming to this country when 15 years old. He first located at Montpelier, Vt., and then went to Plainfield, N. J. He served in the medical corps of the Belgian army during the World War, and was in many battles. The body was shipped from Plainfield to Montpelier where interment will be made in the family cemetery.

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MRS. MARY A. FRIEL.

Mrs Mary A Friel, 43 years old, wife of John J. Friel, died at 2 o'clock Sunday morning following an illness of rheumatism which later developed into pneumonia. Mrs. Friel was the daughter of the late James and Sara Duggan Baker and was born in this city. In addition to her husband she is survived by two daughters, Sara and Mary Belle, both at home

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MRS. JOHN W. HERRING.

MEYERSDALE, Feb. 27. — Mrs. Bertha May Beck Herring, 33 years old, wife of John W Herring, died of pneumonia Sunday She contracted pneumonia after giving birth to a son about four days ago. The infant is still living and is getting along very nicely. Mrs. Herring is survived by her husband and three sons, Lawrence, Charles and Lester, the eldest of whom is six years of age One brother, Edward Beck, of Canton, Ohio, and three sisters, Mrs C R Schrock and Mrs. R. L. Crumm, both of Rockwood, and Miss Helen Beck, at home, also survive the deceased. Mrs. Herring was a daughter of the late Mr and Mrs. Hiram Beck

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MRS. BELLE WILEY.

SCOTTDALE, Feb. 27.—Mrs Belle Wiley, 71 years old, a former resident of Scottdale, died of pneumonia Friday at her home at Detroit. The body was brought here this afternoon and buried in Scottdale Cemetery, with Rev. Judson Jeffreys officiating at the grave. Mrs Wiley was the widow of H. T. Wiley, who died 10 years ago in Scottdale. Two sons and two daughters survive They are Harry Wiley, a druggist at Rockwood; George Wiley of Johnstown Mrs Fred Allison of Roscoe, and Miss Bessie Wiley at Detroit.

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MRS. MARGARET GREENWALT.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Feb. 27.—Mrs. Margaret Helen Greenawalt, 19 years old, wife of Harry Greenawalt of United, died last night at the Memorial Hospital. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Harris of East Scottdale.

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EDWARD SUFALL.

SOMERSET, Feb. 27.—The body of Edward Sufall, who died on Saturday afternoon at his residence in Pittsburg, will be brought to Somerset Wednesday Mr. Sufall is survived by three children, Mrs. Mayme Montgomery, Deerfield, Ohio; Mrs Edna Mills, Pittsburg, and Mrs. Anna Carlisle, Brooklyn, N Y. He was a brother of the late Frank Sufall of Somerset.

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JEROME JENNINGS.

CONFLUENCE, Feb. 27.—The body of Jerome Jennings, an aged man who died at the Soldiers Home at Dayton, Ohio, was brought here yesterday and taken to Ursina Cemetery for interment He formerly lived at Ursina

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MRS. CATHERINE GRAY

Mrs. Catherine Wilane Gray, 72 years old, widow of Joseph Gray, whose death occurred five years ago, died at her Gallatin avenue home at 1:10 Monday morning. She had been ill for some time and infirmities of old age hastened her death. She had been a resident of Connellsville for the past 40 years Born at Lonaconing, Md., she was married there to Joseph Gray, the family later moving to this city Three sons and four daughters survive They are Jerry at home; John, of Moser; Joseph F., of Green street, employed in Pittsburg as paymaster for the West Penn System; Jennie, Isabel, Elizabeth and Ellen all at home. Three brothers, William Wiland of Akron, Ohio, Cyrus Wiland of Lonaconing, Md., and John and Jeremiah Wiland and one sister, Mrs. Andrew Robinson, all of Meyersdale, also survive. At the present time three of the daughters, Jennie, Isabel and Elizabeth, are confined to their beds with attacks of grip.

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MRS. WILLIAM F. TROXELL.

Mrs. William F. Troxell, sister of James S. Darr of South Pittsburg street, and daughter of the late Michael Darr, died Thursday at her home at Cumberland, Md. She was born in West Newton about 58 years ago and came to Connellsville with her parents, spending her girlhood days here. She married William F. Troxell about 35 years ago and since then has made her home in Cumberland. Her husband conducted a drug store there. In addition to Mr. Troxell she is survived by two sons, Charles F., and John and one daughter, Mrs. Ray Herron, all of Cumberland. The following brothers and sisters also survive: Mrs. John Fitzsimmons and Mrs. Elizabeth Burton of New York; Mrs. Rose Vilette and Michael Darr of Pittsburg; John Darr, Steubenville, Ohio; Wilhelm Darr, Canton, Ohio, and James S. Darr of this city. She was the first president of the County League of Women Voters and has held various offices in the Cumberland Civic Club since the organization of that body. She was also a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Central Young Men's Christian Association and of the Cumberland Republican Club of men and women.

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MRS. SOPHIA SPANGLER.

SHANKSVILLE, Feb 24.—Funeral services for Mrs. Sophia Spangler, aged 100 years, two months and 17 days, the oldest woman in this section of the State, whose death occurred Tuesday at the Spangler homestead, were conducted Thursday afternoon in the United Brethren Church, of which Mrs. Spangler was a member. Burial took place in the Walker Cemetery.

December 3, last, Mrs. Spangler observed her hundredth birthday, a large number of her friends and relatives gathering at her home to do her honor. At that time Mrs. Spangler was enjoying good health and took an active part in the festivities.

Mrs. Spangler was the widow of Daniel Spangler. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Moyer and was born December 3, 1822, on the farm adjoining her present home. She was the mother of eight children—six boys and two girls. The surviving children are the Rev. A. H. Spangler, a Lutheran minister of Yeagertown, and Margaret and Catherine Spangler, both at home. The deceased children are the Rev. W. H. Spangler, A. D. Spangler, John Spangler, Nelson Spangler and Wilson Spangler.

Mrs. Spangler was known throughout this section as "Aunt Suffy" and "Grandmother Spangler." She was always a devout Christian and until a short time ago, when her eyes failed, she read her Bible daily.

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MRS. GEORGE HALL.

Isabelle Anderson Hall, 75 years old, died at the family home at Bear Run Friday morning after an illness of two weeks of pneumonia. She was born in Allegheny county, May 20, 1847, and married to George Hall 37 years ago She is survived by her husband, and two sisters, Mary Hines of Pittsburg and Margaret Anderson of Dunbar, and one brother, James Anderson of Ohiopyle

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MRS. ANNA WOLF GRIGLAK.

Word was received by Mr. and Mrs. John Wolf of Coalbrook that their oldest daughter, Mrs. Anna Griglak of Detroit, Mich., died Saturday at 1 o'clock at her home there. She was born at Adelaide, June 23, 1883, and all her girlhood was spent here. At the age of 13 she was married to Thomas Griglak of Connellsville. To them eight children were born. On July 24 1922, they celebrated their silver wedding anniversary. Mrs. Griglak's last visit to Connellsville was seven years ago.

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CLINTON O. BAKER.

Clinton O. Baker, oldest son of Mrs. E. S. Baker of Somerset, was killed at Duquesne February 16. He is survived by his mother, three brothers and one sister: Waldo M., United; J. O., Masontown; Fredwin T., Connellsville, and Myra B., at home. The funeral service was held at the home of his brother at United, interment at Mount Washington Cemetery, Perrypolis.

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MRS. MARY STERN.

SCOTTDALE, Feb. 24.—Mrs. Mary Stern, 68 years old, died yesterday morning at 2 o'clock at her home at Everson. At 10 o'clock the funeral party left for Greensburg where interment was made according to Jewish rites. Her husband died a number of years ago.

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MRS CAROLINE SMITH.

Mrs. Caroline Smith, colored, 85 years old, died Friday evening at 7 o'clock from an illness of pneumonia. She had been sick for about a week. She was living at the home of her grandson, Reginald Rose, of Trotter She was born in Lexington, Va., came to Connellsville in 1894. She married Thomas Smith here They also lived a number of years at Dunbar and Dawson She was a member of the Mount Zion Baptist Church of the West Side One son Samuel of Leisenring No 1 and a daughter, Mrs. Jennie Diggs of Dunbar, together with her husband survive William H. Taylor of Des Moines, Ia., a brother, also survives

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MRS SARAH SHAULIS

SOMERSET, Feb 27.—Mrs Sarah Elizabeth Yoman Shaulis 80 years old, widow of Francis Shaulis, died Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ida S. Yorter of Somerset township

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FRANK HAMPTON.

Frank Hampton, a brother of Mrs R. J Dowling of Connellsville, died Wednesday afternoon at his home at Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Hampton formerly resided at Trotter. He went to Ohio about 10 years ago. His wife was formerly Miss Jennie Clifford of Connellsville. She survives with a number of grown children. Mr. Hampton was a son of William Hampton, who lives at Dunbar. His mother died in 1921, Mrs Dowling is the only sister. Three brothers also survive. They are Alfred Hampton, Dunbar; John Hampton, Clairton, and William Hampton, Ellwood City. Mr. Hampton was a member of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church of Connellsville.

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MRS. HENRIETTA DRUMM.

Mrs. Henrietta Drumm, 74 years old, wife of Adam Drumm, died Saturday at 11 o'clock, at the home in McCormick avenue. Death was due to old age. Mrs. Drumm had been a member of the German Lutheran Church and had quite a number of friends here. The deceased is survived by her husband, Adam Drumm, one daughter, Mrs. Mary Dobberstein of Uniontown, and two sons, Charles Drumm at home and August Drumm of Canton, Ohio Four grandchildren also survive.

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JOHN M. DEFFENBAUGH.

John Morgan Deffenbaugh, 80 years old, died at his Masontown home Thursday, following a week's illness of pneumonia A sister, Miss Jane Deffenbaugh and two brothers, Daniel of McClellandtown and Job of Brownsville, survive. His wife died 32 years ago He had no children He was a 32nd degree Mason and a life-long Democrat.

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JOHN S. DALES

John S. Dales, 76 years old, died Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William McBroom, 351 East Eighth avenue, Homestead He was born in Coal Center, Fayette county, fought in the Civil War with the 159th Pennsylvania Infantry and a few years ago moved to Homestead. He was a member of the Lutheran Church of Homestead and General Charles Griffith Post No. 207, G A R. He leaves two daughters, Mrs. McBroom and Mrs William Deitzel of Pittsburg; a son, Andrew Dales of Cleveland; two sisters, Mrs Anna Marker of South Brownsville and Mrs. John Conlin of Coal Valley

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MRS. HESTER A. RANKIN

Mrs. Hester A. Rankin, 81 years old, died at her home in Wharton township Thursday from diseases incident to age. She was the widow of Robert Rankin, who died about a year ago. She spent practically her entire life in Wharton township She is survived by the following children: George W. and Albert Rankin, Wharton township, Mrs Martha King, Farmington, and Mrs. Maggie Fike, Georges township.

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LAZARUS STAHL.

Lazarus Stahl, 88 years old, brother of Dr S S Stahl of Connellsville, died Thursday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nettie P. Barr, 3217 West Carson street, Pittsburg He was born in Westmoreland county and went to Pittsburg in 1932 He was a member of the Cleftiers United Presbyterian

JAMES CARR.

James Carr, 79 years old, died at his home in Fairchance, Thursday of diseases incident to age He was born and reared at Fairchance and spent most of his life in that vicinity He served during the Civil War as a member of Company C, Ninth Pennsylvania Infantry.

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MRS JANE LOWDEN.

Mrs. Jane Lowden, 85 years old, of Mount Braddock, died Wednesday at the Somerset Hospital The body was brought Thursday to the home of a daughter, Mrs Thomas Barnett, at Mount Braddock, in charge of Funeral Director J. T. Burhans. The other surviving member of the family is a son, John, at California, Pa.

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MRS ANNA ECHARD

SCOTTDALE, Feb. 23.—Mrs. Anna Echard, 69 years old, died this morning at the home of her nephew, John Echard, at 10 Homestead avenue.

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MRS. NANCY HOUSE.

Mrs. Nancy House, 78 years old, wife of J. J House of Layton, died Thursday night following a lingering illness of more than a year. Mrs House is survived by her husband, one son, Edward House, of McKeesport and three daughters, Mrs. William Miller of Pittsburg, Mrs. John Stimmel and Mrs Charles Waterman of Layton; also one brother John M. Dillson of Portsmouth, Ohio, and 26 grandchildren and 10 great-granchildren.

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MRS ALMEDA CUNNINGHAM.

Mrs Almeda Cunningham, 68 years old, died Thursday at 10 o'clock at the home of her son, Harry B Cunningham, who resides on a farm along the Connellsville-Vanderbilt highway Death was due to blood-poisoning which originated in a finger, and a severe attack of influenza. Funeral Director F. B. Galley of Vanderbilt prepared the body for burial and will send it to Columbia the birthplace of the deceased, Saturday.

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MRS. RACHEL DARNELL.

Mrs Rachel Darnell, 72 years old mother of Mrs J R. Foltz of Connellsville died February 21 in the home of her daughter, Mrs William Collins 427 South Elizabeth street, Hazelwood, of pneumonia She was well known in Connellsville and Dunbar, residing at the latter place until 18 years ago when the family located at Hazelwood Mrs Darnell continued to make her home there She was born at Ohiopyle August 1, 1851, and was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church at Dunbar while a resident of that town. She was a member of the Mary Glenn Rebekah Lodge and of the G A R Circle of Homestead In addition to Mrs. Foltz and Mrs. Collins she is survived by another daughter Mrs Joseph Watson, of Hazelwood, two sons Daniel B of Pittsburg and George, of Fairmont, W Va; one sister Mrs Daniel Mills of Connellsville, two brothers John Whipkey of Connellsville and George Whipkey of Colorado; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her husband, Caldin Darnell, is dead

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IRVIN KING

SCOTTDALE, Feb 22.—Irvin King 90 years old died yesterday morning at the home of his son, Oliver at Central He was born in Somerset county and came with his parents to what is now the site of Scottdale 75 years ago He was a veteran of the Civil War. Surviving are the following children David, Owensdale, Elmer, Scottdale, Oliver, Central Clarence, Irvin and Grover, Dawson, and Mrs John Lint, Hecla. He leaves also two brothers, Jerry of Connellsville and George of Indian Creek, and a sister, Mrs Laura Fullem of Uniontown.

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MRS CAROLINE FRAZEE

Mrs. Caroline Frazee, mother of Mrs. F M. Conway of Robbins street, died Feb. 11 at her home near Accident, Md at the age of 81 years, two months and 15 days She was the widow of Addison Frazee, who died 35 years ago She leaves seven children: Mrs F M. Conway, Connellsville; Mrs Walter Coddington, Friendsville Md; Lyman Frazee, Markleysburg; Jesse Frazee, Boswell Perry Frazee and Milford Frazee Cove, Md Ira Frazee at home and 52 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren She had been a member of the Lutheran Church for 65 years

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MRS KATHARINE ZIMMERMAN

Mrs Katharine Zimmerman, 79 years old, mother of E. B Zimmerman of Zimmerman-Wild Company and John J. Zimmerman, died Thursday at her home at Greensburg following a brief illness developing from a severe cold She was the mother of 13 children, 11 of whom survive, and was a life-long resident of Greensburg Her husband Henry R Zimmerman, died last March

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EMANUEL NEIDERHISER

Emanuel Neiderhiser, 74 years old, died Feb. 11 at his home at Oak Grove about three miles east of Ligonier He was born December 28 1848, and was married May 16 1869, to Miss Mary Foust who died a number of years ago In 1915 he married Miss Ellen Wilkins He was a son of Jacob Neiderhiser who came to America with his father Reuben Neiderhiser, from Berne, Switzerland Besides his wife he is survived by eight children: Norman D., Mount Pleasant Frank, Pleasant Unity, Albert M., Scottdale Mrs Barton Harrold Youngwood, and Mrs Anna Hoffer and Mrs Melissa Crame, Ligonier; two brothers George of Stahlstown, and John, who resides in the West; one sister, Mrs Elizabeth Hays of Donegal, and 27 grandchildren.

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MICHAEL ROTH

MOUNT PLEASANT, Feb 22.—Members of the American Legion and his old comrades of Company E paid tribute yesterday to the memory of Michael Roth at the funeral service at the Methodist Mission in Shupe street with Rev R S Hardin officiating Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery Surviving relatives are two brothers John Vine street to whose home the body was brought from the government hospital in Pittsburg, Charles, at Phillips, and a sister, Mrs George Renner, at Scottdale

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MRS ANNA BURNS McCLORY

Mrs Anna Burns McClory 40 years old, well-known in Connellsville and vicinity died February 21 at her home 12 Tecumseh street, Hazelwood following a lingering illness She resided in Connellsville prior to her marriage to James McClory Besides her husband she is survived by four children, Herbert James, Mary Catherine and Pauline, all at home She was a sister-in-law of Mrs John Kearney and Miss Rose McClory, both of Leisenring No 1.

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W REED HICKERNELL

SCOTTDALE, Feb 22 — William Reed Hickernell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J B Hickernell of Alverton, died Tuesday evening at a hospital at Rochester, Pa. He had been ill for a week of pneumonia. Besides his parents he is survived by a sister Ida and two brothers, Cloyd, in Montana, and Arden, at Adamsburg.

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HENRY A. METZLER.

Henry A. Metzler 88 years old, died Wednesday morning in the home of his daughter, Mrs Charles W. Shaffer at Latrobe He was a veteran of the Civil War and a member of the Stahlstown Post, G. A R since its organization Besides Mrs Shaffer he is survived by three other daugnters, including Rachel of Mount Pleasant

Funeral services will be held this evening at 7.30 o'clock from the home Friday morning the body will be taken to Stahlstown for interment.

MRS ELMIRA R. SPRINGER.

SCOTTDALE, Feb 22.—Mrs Elmira Reppert Springer, 68 years old, wife of T N Springer, died at Ruffsdale Wednesday morning The funeral service will be held Sunday at 2 o'clock at the Methodist Episcopal Church at Tarr

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RUTH N MACKEY

SCOTTDALE, Feb 22.—Ruth Norette 13 years old, daughter of Mr and Mrs. John Mackey of near Rice School in Bullskin township, died this morning

Coal Freight Rates

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Rate per Gross Ton of 2,240 lbs.

	Pitts'bg (5)	Connellsville Westmoreland Fairmont (8)	G'burg (7)	Latrobe (6)
Baltimore, Md. (Track Deliv.)	$3.14	$3.09	$3.94	$3.84
Chester, Pa. (P. R. R.)	3.04	2.95	2.84	2.84
Chester, Pa. (P. & R.)	3.14	3.09	2.94	2.84
Harrisburg, Pa. (P. R. R.-P. & R.)	2.73	2.58	2.42	2.33
Johnstown, Pa. (B. & O.)	1.39	1.39		
*Johnstown, Pa. (P. R. R.)	1.64	1.64		
Lebanon, Pa. P. R. R. and R. & R.	3.11	2.96	2.81	2.71
New York, N. Y. (27th St.)	3.49	3.14	3.19	3.09
New York, N. Y. (Bklyn.)	3.62	3.47	3.32	3.22
Philadelphia	3.24	3.09	2.94	2.84
Sparrows Point	3.24	3.09	2.94	2.84
Steelton, Pa.	2.73	2.58	2.42	2.33
South Bethlehem, Pa.	3.36	3.21	3.06	2.96
Syracuse, N. Y.	3.36	3.21	3.06	2.96
To ATLANTIC PORTS via P. R. R.				
Greenwich, local	3.34	3.09	2.94	2.84
Greenwich, export	2.72	2.47	2.42	2.32
South Amboy, F. O. E. vessels	3.14	2.99	2.84	2.74
Harsimus Cove	3.19	3.04	2.89	2.79
Greenville	3.19	3.04	2.89	2.79
Canton, Balto, local	3.24	3.09	2.94	2.84
Canton, Balto., export	2.66	2.50	2.35	2.26
To ATLANTIC PORTS via B. & O				
St. George Coal Piers	2.99	3.34		
St. George for Export	3.14	2.99		
Philadelphia, Local	3.24	3.09		
Philadelphia for Export	2.72	2.47		
Curtis Bay, Local	3.24	3.09		
Curtis Bay for Export	2.65	2.50		

*The rate from points on the Monongahela Railway in the Fairmont group south of the Pennsylvania State line to Johnstown is $1.76 per net ton. Rates to Johnstown from Greensburg and Latrobe groups apply specifically from point of origin to destination.

The Connellsville rate applies to shipments from points on the Southwest Branch of the Pennsylvania railroad south of Ruffsdale, from points on the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston and points on the Monongahela River railroad.

The Fairmont rate on shipments via the Baltimore & Ohio applies to shipments from points east of Sutersville, Pa.; from points on the Smithfield & Masontown Branch and from the Fairmont Region of West Virginia.

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TO WESTERN POINTS. Rate per Net Ton of 2,000 lbs.	Pittsburg Group (1)	Upper C'ville (2)	Lower C'ville (3)
Canton, O.	$1.89	$1.65	$1.55
Chicago, Ill.	3.09	2.89	2.09
Cleveland, O.	1.34	1.30	1.09
Columbus, O.	1.69	1.92	1.81
Detroit, Mich.	1.65	1.56	1.56
Indiana Harbor, Ind.	3.09	3.09	3.09
Toledo, O.	2.34	2.29	2.19
Youngstown, O.	1.34	1.45	1.55
Lake Ports	1.46	1.72	1.81
To CANADIAN BASING POINTS:			
Buffalo, N. Y.	2.34	2.39	2.39
Port Maitland, Ont.	2.34	2.39	2.39

These rates apply in a general way to shipments from the territory described. There are, however, numerous extensions to the specific rates quoted and in each case before applying the rate as a basis for freight charges the shipper or consignee should determine the exact location of the mine from which the business will move, then refer to the Tariff naming the rate in question

The Pittsburg District includes points east as far as Latrobe and south on the Southwest Branch to and including Ruffsdale; south to, but not including Brownsville on the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston railroad, eastward to Dawson on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and eastward to Dickerson Run and southeast to and including Brownsville on the New York Central lines.

The Connellsville District includes points on the Southwest Branch of the Pennsylvania railroad south of Ruffsdale, on the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston except Braxnell and all Monongahela River railroad points, New York Central points east of Dickerson Run, including Connellsville Transfer, and points on the Baltimore & Ohio, Dawson to Point Marion, Pa.

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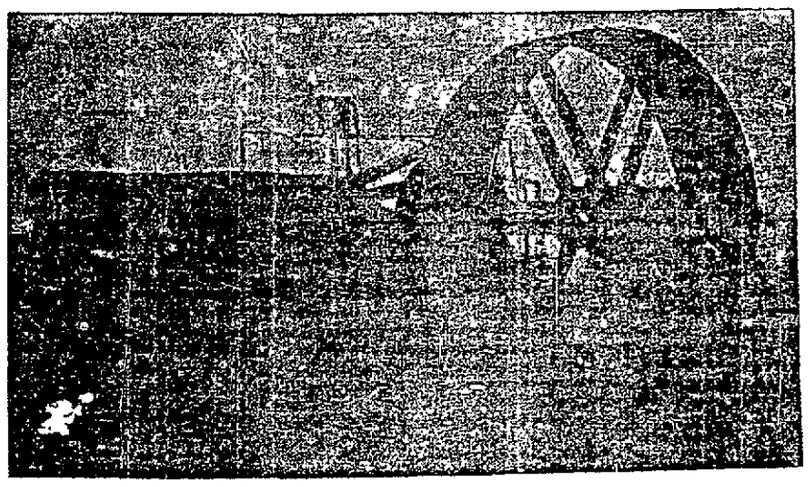

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